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By Juliet Labog-Javellana

THE PALACE did it again. Malacañang yesterday backtracked on its announcement that President Macapagal-Arroyo had accepted the resignation of Movie and Televi-

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Burglars take ₱10M from Garcia house in Camp Aguinaldo

By Alcuin Papa and Fe Zamora

WAS IT a break-in, a robbery or a raid?

At least P10 million in cash was allegedly stolen by burglars who last month ransacked the house of Maj. Gen. Carlos F. Garcia in Camp Aguinaldo, headquarters of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, INQUIRER sources in the military said yesterday.

AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Narciso Abaya confirmed that the house of Garcia, former AFP comptroller, was ransacked sometime in mid-September. "But I have no information about the P10 million," Abaya told the INQUIRER.

Abaya said Garcia, his wife and sons "were

BURGLARS/ A4

GMA orders Garcia court-martial right away

Military trial will be open to public

By Juliet Labog-Javellana and Christine O. Avendaño

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo wants defense and military authorities to immediately convene the court-martial to try Maj. Gen. Carlos Garcia, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said yesterday.

Ms Arroyo also wants an open trial for the former Armed Forces comptroller currently being investigated by the Ombudsman and the House for unexplained wealth both here and abroad.

"The people have heard enough of the allegations of corruption in the military, and it is high time these issues [were brought] under open prosecution and judicial scrutiny in fairness to all concerned," she said in a statement. "The interest of justice and due process must be served to the satisfaction of the people and the soldiery."

It was the second time in eight days that the President issued an order to the AFP and the Department of National Defense concerning Garcia's court-martial. The first time was on Oct. 13.

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez said the President had ordered Gen. Narciso Abaya, the outgoing AFP chief of staff, and his successor, Lt. Gen. Efren Abu, to "immediately" proceed with

GMA ORDERS/ A18

AFP/ROMEO GACAD

THE LONGEST wait: Comforted by his wife in their home in Tolosa, Leyte, Francisco Advincula, 84-year-old Filipino veteran, recounts with tears in his eyes his meeting with MacArthur and the benefits the US promised the Filipino soldiers who fought by its side.

VAL HANDUMON

SIXTY years later, American soldiers who took part in the Leyte Landing, which heralded the final collapse of Japan's occupation of the Philippines, return to relive the horrors and glory of the most massive sea battle in recorded history.

Arroyo lauds US, other allies at Leyte Landing rites

VAL HANDUMON

ONCE more with feeling, behold the site in Red Beach, Palo, Leyte, where now stands a memorial to the principal figures of that heroic day. "A central event of our long history of friendship," US President George W. Bush referred to the joint RP-US triumph that was the Leyte Landing.

PALO, Leyte—Marking a key World War II anniversary, President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday paid tribute to the United States and other allies for standing by the Philippines in the war on terrorism as they had in battling Japanese occupation forces together 60 years ago.

In simple rites commemorating the Oct. 20, 1944 landing of allied troops in Leyte, Ms Arroyo also called on Filipinos to draw inspiration from the selflessness and bravery of World War II Filipino veterans in the current war on poverty.

About 1,000 war veterans from Eastern Visayas joined about 70 foreign. dignitaries led by US Ambassador Francis Ricciardone in celebrating the historic event at the MacArthur Landing Memorial Park on Red Beach.

Ms Arroyo recalled a story told by her late godfather, Carlos P. Romulo, about the attitude of Filipinos during the

ARROYO/ A6

Garcia son: 'What's up dude?'

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
PDI Visayas Bureau

ILOILO CITY—Like his father, Juan Paolo Garcia has clammed up.

Juan Paolo, 23, the second of three sons of Maj. Gen. Carlos F. Garcia, refused to answer questions about the alleged ill-gotten wealth of his father.

"What's up, dude?" he said with an American twang when reached by telephone by the INQUIRER at the Garcia residence at 46-H Locsin Subdivision in Jaro District here.

GARCIA SON/ A18

Freeze order too late: All accounts empty

By Philip C. Tubeza

THE FREEZE order issued by the Court of Appeals last week on the bank accounts of Maj. Gen. Carlos Garcia came a few days late.

All the bank accounts that Garcia, his wife and three sons had maintained in the country were all closed early this month, Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez said yesterday.

"We have to find out where his money is now," Gonzalez said in a telephone interview.

He revealed the status of the accounts as he asked the US Attorney General's Office to help freeze all of Garcia's assets in the United States amid reports that these were also "in the process of being disposed."

The justice secretary asked the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC) to ensure that Garcia was formally charged in the United States for money laundering so that his assets there could be frozen.

The Department of Justice has received information that many of the Garcia accounts in the country were closed in "one day" between Oct. 7 and Oct. 14. The Court of Appeals froze 40 bank accounts and investment placements of the Garcias last Thursday, Oct 14.

The appellate court had frozen seven accounts at branches of Land Bank of the Philippines in Greenhills and Camp Aguinaldo, 12 accounts at Allied Banking Corp., one account at Banco De Oro Universal Bank, two accounts at Bank of the Philippine Islands, eight accounts at United Coconut Planters Bank, six accounts at Planters Development Bank and four at the Armed

FREEZE ORDER/ A18

Green card gray area in the AFP

By Fe Zamora

APPARENTLY, there is no clear-cut policy in the Armed Forces of the Philippines about its officers and men who are holding a green card.

The green card is among the gray areas in the AFP.

The INQUIRER has learned from several sources that aside from Maj. Gen. Carlos F. Garcia, several other officers were holding green cards, making them immigrants to the United States even while working in an institution that demands duty and loyalty to one country—the Philippines.

Among the known US immigrants in the AFP are a colonel with the Intelligence Service of the AFP and a lieutenant colonel

GREEN CARD/ A4

Big business urges GMA to lead population control

THE COUNTRY'S business leaders have written President Macapagal-Arroyo and called on her to adopt an active population control policy, the head of the country's main business group said yesterday.

The letter was signed by several former Cabinet members as well as Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala, head of the Ayala conglomerate, and Oscar Lopez, chair of the influential Lopez group of companies.

The business leaders urged Ms Arroyo to "lead the nation" in a campaign to curb population growth, a socially sensitive issue that would put her administration at odds with the dominant Roman Catholic Church.

They warned that 1.8 million Filipinos were being added to the population every year, outstripping the ability of the country of 84 million to feed and educate all its people and hurting its international competitiveness.

Sergio Ortiz-Luis, chair of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry and one of the signatories, said the letter had been drafted by a PCCI committee and that a copy had been sent to Ms Arroyo, a devout Catholic.

The letter called for "the wider provision of information and education on the wisdom of practicing responsible parenthood," so families and communities will have the number of children that they want and can support.

It also called for "greater assistance" to couples who wish to practice birth control and asked "that all legally and medically permissible goods and services" for birth control be made available even to poor couples.

While Ms Arroyo has said she is for family planning, she has refused to endorse artificial contraceptives and has largely left it to

BIG BUSINESS/ A18

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: The whole country will experience partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms mostly over Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.

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Reds deny ties with int'l terror

By Alcuin Papa and TJ Burgonio

COMMUNIST rebels yesterday rejected President Macapagal-Arroyo's allegations that they had ties to international terrorists and accused the government of of sabotaging peace negotiations by linking them to such groups.

The President said on Tuesday there were "growing links between the revolutionary Left and international terrorist organizations," and ordered a comprehensive reassessment of the government's strategy for dealing with the 35-year-old communist insurgency.

Ms Arroyo and other officials offered no proof of the links, and didn't name any terrorist organizations.

In a statement posted at the Communist Party of the Philippines website, CPP spokesperson Gregorio "Ka Roger" Rosal described the allegations as "unfounded" and "mere figments of Arroyo's imagination."

He said the President had based her statements on "spurious intelligence reports."

He claimed that the CPP and other "revolutionary organizations of the Filipino people" build healthy relationships with other "communist and anti-imperialist organizations" around the world on the basis of "principles such as anti-imperialism, social justice, democracy and equality."

He did not name any of the groups.

In a separate statement, the communists' political arm, the National Democratic Front, said the President was "sabotaging the sincere efforts ... to push back-channel talks that would pave the way for the resumption of formal peace talks" by citing "obviously fabricated intelligence reports."

People's war

"Mrs. Arroyo is in effect urging the revolutionary movement to intensify its tactical offensives and raise the level of its people's war," said the exiled communist leader, Luis Jalandoni, who heads the rebel panel in peace negotiations with the government.

Secretary Teresita Quintos-Deles, the presidential adviser on the peace process, merely shrugged off Jalandoni's criticisms, saying "they're charging us with many things."

Deles said that if anyone should be accused of stopping the back-channel talks, it was the NDF.

"If you remember they were the ones who postponed the talks. We were supposed to talk in August, they postponed it. So it stays in that level," she said.

Deles stressed that the government was not abandoning the back-channel talks but was "fully assessing the situation with regard to the peace process."

Asked about the alleged links between the communists and international terrorists, she said: "That is part of the assessment."

The communist rebels are already on US and European Union terrorist lists.

Peace negotiations, which are being brokered by Norway, were suspended in August after communist rebel negotiators balked at the government's failure to pressure its allies to remove them from the lists.

Frozen funds

National Security Adviser Hermogenes Ebdane said the rebels had received funds from unnamed "socialist groups," but that the funds were "frozen."

Defense Secretary Avelino Cruz said the President's directive includes a probe into whether foreign money was still being "misdirected or misapplied wittingly or unwittingly toward funding the armed insurgency."

The government says that foreign support for the communist rebels dried up after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States as Washington placed the Communist Party, its armed group, the New People's Army, and the NDF on its "foreign terrorist organization" blacklist.

Military officials say the rebels compensated for this by redoubling extortion of local businesses as well as ordinary Filipinos in areas of guerrilla activity.

Rosal said the rebels no longer believe the government is serious in pursuing a political settlement to the insurgency that has claimed thousands of lives.

"Judging from its attitude and actions since December 2003, Malacañang has been conducting peace negotiations with the (rebels) only for political expediency" and to earn political points during Ms Arroyo's campaign for the May 2004 presidential election, the guerrilla spokesperson alleged.

With a report from AP, AFP

BRUNEI peacekeeping team is welcomed by their Malaysian counterparts upon arrival at the Villamor Air Base.

ROGER MARGALLO

10 Brunei peace monitors arrive

TEN Brunei soldiers arrived in the Philippines yesterday to join an international contingent to monitor a ceasefire between the government and Muslim separatist rebels on Mindanao island.

Lt. Col. Aminuddin Ihsan and his men flew in aboard a Royal Brunei Air Force cargo plane and were met by Philippines Foreign Undersecretary Rafael Seguis and Brunei Ambassador Hajah Maimuna.

They will join 50 Malaysian security personnel who arrived here this month to monitor the ceasefire sealed in 2002 between President Macapagal-Arroyo's government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

The Malaysians have already deployed in Mindanao where they will stay for about a year, taking up any complaints of truce violations.

The Philippines has expressed hope that the monitors will be joined by representatives from other Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) member countries, like Bangladesh, Libya and Bahrain.

The nearly 12,000-strong MILF has been fighting for 26 years to set up a separate state in the southern third of this largely Roman Catholic nation.

Despite the truce, sporadic and deadly clashes in Mindanao have slowed the talks for a formal peace agreement.

MILF commanders have denied accusations that they are sheltering members of the Al-Qaida-linked Jemaah Islamiyah regional terror network.

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Gov't rules out terror links of MILF, Jemaah

THE GOVERNMENT yesterday ruled out any "organizational links" between Muslim secessionist rebels and the Jemaah Islamiyah regional terror group.

But it suggested that if such links were to be proven, it would be a setback for efforts to forge a peace settlement with the secessionist Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

The rebels' alleged ties with the JI, which is linked to the al-Qaida international terror network, has cropped up anew as another team of ceasefire monitors arrived from Brunei yesterday.

"So far there are no organizational links between the MILF and the JI," said Undersecretary Rodolfo Garcia, a member of the government peace panel holding talks with the Moro rebels.

The reported incursions by JI agents into rebel-controlled areas in Mindanao to train MILF guerrillas were being addressed by the MILF hierarchy, Garcia said.

But if evidence of links between the MILF and the JI were to be uncovered, it would constitute a violation of the ceasefire, said Garcia.

The MILF has consistently denied any ties with the regional terror group.

Malaysian Maj. Gen. Zulkifeli bin Mohd Zin, the head of the international ceasefire monitoring team, stressed that the team's job was merely to check the implementation of the ceasefire agreement and did not include looking into the MILF's alleged terror ties.

Zulkifeli, who was with the initial 51-member team that arrived from Malaysia on Oct. 9, said the team, which has done this kind of work with the United Nations troops before, had not encountered any problems.

"We find the southern part of the Philippines very much like home," he said.

The 10-man team from Brunei, headed by Col. Aminuddin Ihsan, arrived at noon yesterday. This was the first time that Brunei was taking part in such a mission, said Brunei Ambassador Hajah Maimunah Dato Paduka Haji Elias Amil.

Monitors from other member-countries of the Organization of the Islamic Conference are expected to follow soon.

TJ Burgonio

Dinky wants media to show sensitivity to traumatized victims

By Volt Contreras

SOCIAL Welfare Secretary Corazon "Dinky" Soliman wants the media and her agency to agree to a "protocol" governing the coverage of private individuals traumatized by heinous crimes, major disasters, and other news-making tragedies.

Reporters, for example, should at least "let a day pass" from the time of the incident before interviewing the victims, especially if these were women or children, Soliman said yesterday in a forum dubbed "A Day of Orientation and Reflection for Media Persons."

Otherwise, they would only be "traumatized twice over" if hounded by the press immediately, she explained.

Soliman also disapproved of showing video footage of women caught working in suspected prostitution dens, cowering and covering their faces in shame. "If you know that they don't want to be seen, then you should already keep your distance."

If the report involves a child victim or offender, "the safe (camera) shot is to have no shot at all."

"I know you are under pressure from the media owners, your bosses, to produce scoops, win awards and raise (company) profits," she said. "But you can be more sensitive in your coverage."

"There must be a balance between the victim's right to privacy and the public's right to know. That's why we need to develop a protocol."

The recent frenzy over the homecoming of Angelo dela Cruz, the truck driver held hostage under threat of beheading by Islamic radicals in Iraq, showed how media "forgot that he's still in the midst of trauma."

Reporters and cameramen not only "besieged" him literally upon his arrival at the airport, but also asked questions that a "still confused" Dela Cruz could not possibly address, she recalled.

One reporter even asked for his views on the soured RP-US diplomatic relations following President Macapagal-Arroyo's decision to pull out Filipino humanitarian forces out of Iraq as demanded by Angelo's captors.

Another reporter asked for his "message" to other governments who have citizens working in Iraq, Soliman added.

"The media can become callous to what's happening—you think it's all normal—but (you) might traumatize the victims twice over," she stressed.

To keep them home, teach docs business

By Blanche S. Rivera

IF SURGERY does not pay, try your hand at business.

This advice came from a group of doctors treating hypertension in the Philippines following reports that more and more physicians were studying to become nurses.

The Philippine Society of Hypertension urged Filipino doctors to engage in entrepreneurial activities to augment their income instead of enrolling in nursing schools and leaving their families to work abroad as nurses and nursing aides.

PSH president Esperanza Cabral said that the exodus of Filipino doctors is already threatening the country's health service.

"The exodus of Filipino doctors leaving for abroad to work as nurses has reached a point that could make the local healthcare industry moribund," Cabral said in a press statement.

"If they could learn some business skills so they could put up their own business or invest their money wisely, they may earn enough that can make them live comfortable lives here. They don't have to work as nurses or even nursing aides abroad to earn enough dollars they could remit to their families here," she said.

Pocket MBA

Cabral cited the case of Dr. Miguel Oliva, a Camarines Sur physician who has a small business that he uses to finance his charity works and get through the hard times.

The PSH is sponsoring a one-day "pocket MBA" seminar next month to give interested doctors an overview of the business environment and opportunities in the Philippines.

The seminar aims to educate doctors on the basics of the entrepreneurial process, opportunity recognition, skills of effective people, and an understanding of business plans, financial statements and investment prospects.

A study by the National Institutes of Health revealed that at least 3,500 doctors have left the country since 2000 to work as nurses abroad. Another 1,500 have passed the nursing licensure exam last year and 4,000 more are enrolled in nursing courses all over the country.

"Making our doctors stay has become a major dilemma. And when we say stay, we not only mean that they stay in the Philippines, but stay as doctors and not as nurses," Cabral said.

"We don't want the uncanny distinction of being the only country in the world wherein medicine is a pre-nursing course," she added.

The MBA seminar will be held at the Asian Institute of Management Conference Hall in Makati on Nov. 20, 2004. The lectures will include Marketing in Healthcare, How to Understand Balance Sheets and Income Statements, The Art of Negotiation, Personal Finance for Doctors, and Entrepreneurial Possibilities. *(See related story on Page A15).*

It will be QC jail for Atong Ang

By Armand N. Nocum and Philip Tubeza

A QUEZON CITY jail cell awaits Charlie "Atong" Ang, a co-accused in the plunder case against ousted President Joseph Estrada who faces certain deportation from the United States before the year ends.

Special Prosecutor Dennis Villa-Ignacio said the government has chosen the Quezon City jail as the likely place of detention for Ang because of its proximity to the Sandiganbayan anti-graft court where the plunder case is being tried.

"We will put him under tight security to ensure that he will not escape once more," he said of Ang who fled to the US in January 2001, the same month Estrada was ousted and arrested.

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez said Ang, an alleged gambling crony and adviser of Estrada, could be returned to the Philippines by the New Year.

"Mr. Ang might spend a Happy New Year in Manila," Gonzalez told a press conference.

The US and Philippine governments, as well as Ang's lawyer, have until Nov. 19 to submit arguments to Judge Lawrence Leavitt of the US District Court of Nevada who ruled on Oct. 13 that there was credible evidence that Ang had helped Estrada loot the Philippine Treasury and that he should be extradited to face criminal charges.

Start counting

"So we should start counting after Nov. 19. Hopefully, [Ang] will be back in the country before the year ends," Gonzalez said.

But with no date set for an extradition hearing and with appeals available, Ang's US lawyer said on Tuesday it was unlikely that Ang will return soon to the Philippines.

"The next step is to file and identify his defenses," lawyer William Genego said from his office in Santa Monica, California.

Genego said he received notice on Tuesday of Leavitt's Oct. 13 ruling.

Ang, 46, is accused of funneling tobacco tax kickbacks and illegal gambling payoffs to Estrada.

The US judge said testimony from Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson was credible and established probable cause that Ang helped launder P130 million in tobacco excise taxes for Estrada's personal use.

Ang was arrested at a Las Vegas Strip hotel-casino in November 2001 on a Philippine government warrant charging him with plunder. He spent a year in US custody in a North Las Vegas jail before being freed on $300,000 bail. He remained under house arrest Tuesday in Las Vegas, Genego said.

Cast of characters

Villa-Ignacio said the US court's decision effectively thwarted efforts by defense lawyers to picture Singson, the prosecution's star witness, as a corrupt official who needed no prodding from Estrada to commit graft.

"We will now complete the cast of characters in the plunder charges. This is a big development to us and a big disaster for the defense," he said.

"As it is now, two courts are saying that Singson is credible," he said, citing the Oct. 13 US court ruling and the Sandiganbayan which has thumbed down numerous efforts by the defense to have the plunder cases thrown out.

With a report from AP

Food coupons to include rice subsidy for school kids

APART from food coupons, the government will provide free rice at one kilogram per child per day in villages with high rates of malnutrition and school dropouts, Social Welfare Secretary Corazon "Dinky" Soliman said yesterday.

These were the latest developments in the food intervention program being worked out by the Department of Social Welfare and Development as it readies the implementation of the food coupon program by Nov. 15.

The rice subsidy will be offered in schools that have seen an alarming number of pupils unable to finish Grade 1 or 2 because of poverty. The schools will be identified by the Department of Education.

This program is separate from the monthly food coupon distribution among impoverished families in barangays with a high incidence of child malnutrition, Soliman said.

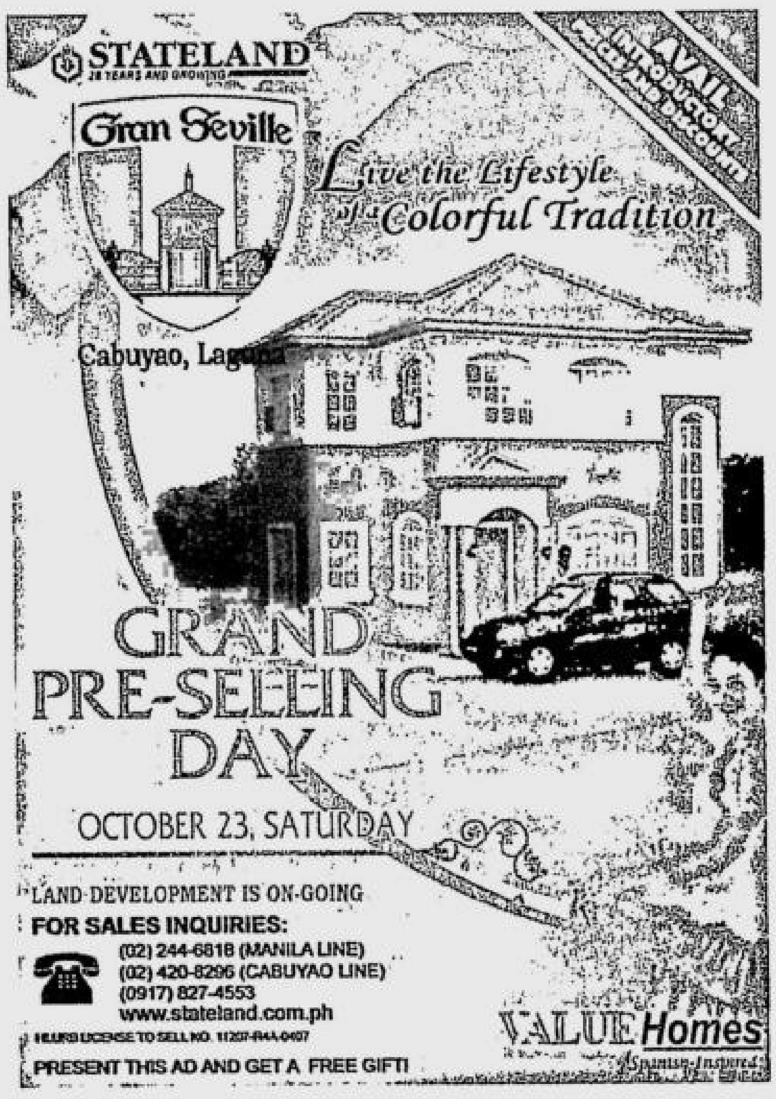
The list of such barangays is being drawn up by the National Nutrition Council.

The food coupon, worth P1,200, can be swapped for rice or for up to 15 different grocery items in government-accredited stores, Soliman told reporters.

Qualified families can obtain food coupons for "three to six months," during which time the parent or breadwinner should be able to find a job or start a small business, said Soliman.

The DSWD can provide capital of from P5,000 to P100,000, interest- and collateral-free.

Soliman clarified that the DSWD has been extending this kind of assistance from the start but that the program has been enhanced because of a recent Social Weather Stations survey showing more Filipinos are going hungry. *Volt Contreras*



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Burglars take ₱10M from Garcia house in Camp Aguinaldo

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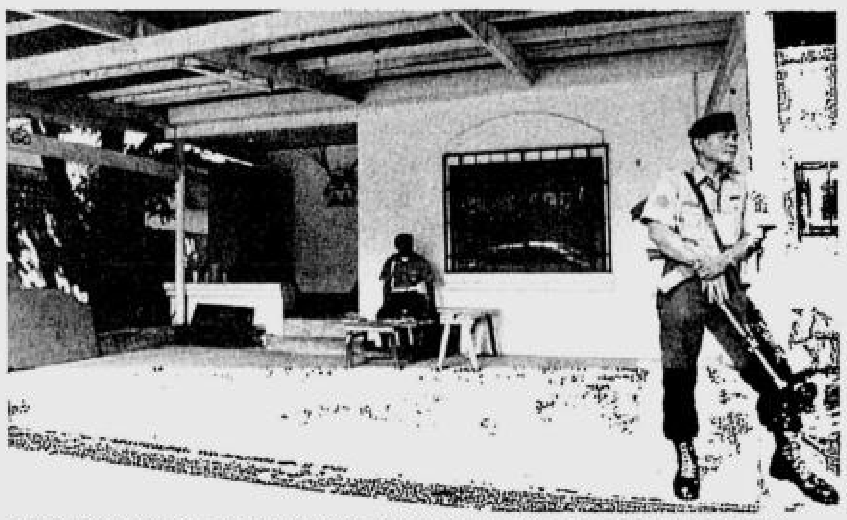
EDWIN BACASMAS

CONFINED to his quarters inside Camp Aguinaldo, Gen. Carlos F. Garcia reportedly lost P10 million when his house was ransacked last month by still unidentified persons. His quarters is now under guard round the clock.

Timing

The break-in took place about the time US attaché David Meisner informed the Office of the Ombudsman that Garcia and his immediate family were being investigated "for violating US money-laundering laws."

Meisner's letter, dated Sept. 14, was reportedly received by the Office of the Ombudsman on Sept. 17. The Ombudsman started a lifestyle check on Garcia on Sept. 20.

Two INQUIRER sources said Garcia lost P10 million in cash to the burglars.

"Senator (Gregorio) Honasan and General (Edgar) Aglipay even came," said an officer who lives near the Garcia house in Camp Aguinaldo in Quezon City.

The source said Aglipay had also with him police investigators who examined the house for evidence. Like Abaya, Garcia, Honasan and Aglipay belonged to Class 1971 of the Philippine Military Academy.

But Lt. Col. Daniel Lucero said "there was no report that something was missing."

Drawers forcibly opened

Lucero, AFP Public Information Office chief, said Garcia's wife called the military police at around 5 p.m. of Sept. 14 to report a break-in.

"Based on the revelation of the wife of Major General Garcia, they noticed there was a forcible entry at their residence. Some wooden cabinets were forcibly opened. Some bags ... were in disarray and drawers of the headboard in the master bedroom were opened," he said at a press briefing.

That night at around 7, a team from the Philippine National Police's Scene of the Crime Operations (Soco) arrived at the house to investigate the incident.

However, Lucero said camp officials were still investigating if the incident was indeed a break-in, or a robbery, adding all he could be sure of was that Garcia's wife called the military police to report a supposed break-in.

He said the AFP was still waiting for the results of the investigation by Soco, which had taken a number of items from the house to look for fingerprints.

"We are still investigating whether that (break-in) really happened. We still need corroborative evidence and a collaborative statement," he said.

Maceda's account

Former Sen. Ernesto Maceda has a different account of the incident.

In a newspaper column on Oct. 12 (not in the INQUIRER), Maceda said Garcia's house was raided by people who appeared to be military personnel or policemen. The "raiders," Maceda said, took computers, diskettes and files but left behind cash and firearms.

In a phone interview with the INQUIRER, Maceda refused to confirm the information he wrote in his column, saying he did not want any of his comments "to come out in the INQUIRER."

Asked why the incident was belatedly acknowledged by the AFP, Lucero said it was not the practice of the military to report such incidents to the public.

"We don't report to media anything that happens or what transpires inside Camp Aguinaldo. Actually, this information spread inside the camp a day after the incident, he said."

Another INQUIRER source said that in the past, burglars had attacked the quarters of other generals. "Even the house of an intelligence chief is not safe from robbers," he said.

Green card gray area in the AFP

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with the AFP Civil Relations Service, both in Camp Aguinaldo in Quezon City, the sources said.

A former AFP Chief of Staff confirmed there were a number of military officers who hold US permanent residency status.

"*Ako nga may* (Even I have) SSS number which I got when I was assigned in the US," another former AFP chief of staff said.

What it is

A green card is a special card issued by the United States government to lawful permanent residents or immigrants as evidence that the holder is authorized to live and work in the United States. The card is officially called Form 1-551, or the Permanent Residence Card.

The US Embassy in Manila has confirmed that Garcia was issued a permanent resident card in 1989. Last week, the embassy ordered the cancellation of Garcia's green card amid an investigation by the Office of the Ombudsman about the general's alleged ill-gotten wealth here and in the United States.

AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Narciso Abaya said the AFP was conducting its own inquiry into Garcia's green card, among other violations that the former AFP comptroller may have committed under the Articles of War.

Mum on specific rules

At the House defense and banking committee hearings on Tuesday, Abaya did not answer Camarines Sur Rep. Luis Villafuerte who asked if the AFP had specific rules on military officers who are US immigrants while on active duty in the Philippines.

"Is it in the books, or is it just implied?" Villafuerte asked. He noted that the green card meant "a change of residence, not disloyalty to country."

Garcia himself evaded questions by Parañaque Rep. Roilo Golez about loyalty, patriotism and the green card.

"I have to make a research, your honor," Garcia said.

Treason?

In the mid-90s, junior officers of the Philippine Marines staunchly opposed the promotion of then Brig. Gen. Ponciano Millena whom they found to have been a holder of a US green card.

One of the Marine officers who opposed Millena then said: "We questioned it because we believed what he did was treason."

Ignored by the military leadership, the Marine officers sent documents on Millena's card to the Commission on Appointments (CA), effectively blocking the general's promotion.

Millena was eventually promoted after he "withdrew" his green card, then retired quietly soon after, the Marine officer said.

Gone today, here tomorrow

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sion Review and Classification Board Chair Ma. Consoliza P. Laguardia.

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said the release of Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita's letter telling Laguardia of the President's acceptance was unauthorized.

Bunye said Ermita should explain why he had a certified letter accepting Laguardia's resignation.

GMA denial

The President herself denied on Tuesday in Bacolod City that she had accepted Laguardia's courtesy resignation that was supposed to take effect on Sept. 30.

On that date, the tenure of Laguardia and the 30 MTCRB board members ends as provided by law creating the MTRCB. They serve for a year subject to reappointment by the President.

"Let's just say the present status is that the resignation has not been accepted at the level of the President," Bunye explained the latest misinformation involving official Malacañang announcements.

Ermita's letter

The Office of the Press Secretary released on Tuesday a "certified copy" of Ermita's letter to Laguardia.

"This is to inform you that the President accepts your resignation as chairperson, Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB) effective 30 September 2004. May you continue to be of service to our country and enjoy success in whatever endeavor you may undertake. Please accept our sincerest gratitude."

Ermita signed the Oct. 18 letter "by authority of the President."

The letter was written on the letterhead of the Office of the President and was certified by Director Marcela S. Rafanan.

Bunye's office then issued an official press release (No. 6), titled "GMA accepts MTRCB chief's resignation."

With a straight face, Bunye told reporters Ermita's letter had "not reached the level of the President" and that the OPS press release was issued without his authorization.

"What we're saying is the letter has not reached the President officially. The present status is that the resignation has not been accepted," Bunye said.

Laguardia herself said on Tuesday that she had neither received a letter nor talked to Ermita about her resignation.

Blame presidential writer

Bunye blamed the writer of the Presidential News Desk (PND) which is under his office.

"The release was unauthorized, we've called the attention of the writer and the immediate supervisor. That was released without authorization," Bunye said.

Bunye could not explain why PND head Alito Malinao and the PND writer got hold of Ermita's letter and made an official statement out of it.

Ermita, who is extremely inaccessible to the press, could not be contacted for comment. Calls to his cell phone are received by his aides who always tell reporters their boss is in a meeting. Access to his office is also by appointment only.

Ermita's office was also the source of a recent erroneous report that the President has appointed former Philippine National Construction Corp. chief Rolando Macasaet as new national treasurer.

Ms Arroyo had to apologize to Macasaet. She said his name was submitted for consideration but that unfortunately she had not chosen him.

Bunye would not blame the latest fiasco to the reorganization of the Malacañang information machinery into the Office of the Communications Director.

Superstructure

Ms Arroyo has put the Office of the Press Secretary, a regular department under a new superstructure—the OCD headed by her speechwriter Silvestre Afable III.

Bunye would not say if the erroneous release could be part of the wrangling for the MTRCB position.

Bunye had also issued statements that were eventually recalled.

Correction

IN THE OCT. 15 issue, the "Tax-Files" column on Page B2-2—"Pay donor's tax now, save estate tax later"—erroneously defined a "stranger." The correct definition: A "stranger" is a person who is not a: (1) brother, sister (whether by whole or half blood), spouse, ancestor, and lineal descendant; or (2) relative by consanguinity in the collateral line within the fourth degree of relationship.

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Arroyo lauds US, other allies at Leyte Landing rites

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war.

Romulo, then a journalist, accompanied MacArthur during the Leyte landing.

"That frail and weak Filipino did not ask for food, for clothes, for anything at all. What he asked was what he could do to help the war," Ms Arroyo said.

"That is the Filipino. Such selflessness and bravery are innate in the Filipino. And these are the qualities I still see today as we struggle against strong currents of fiscal crisis, as we ride the undertow of debt that we have gotten used to as a source of our development."

"Our commitments to freedom and the war against terror are unflagging, and they will be as unflagging in our determination to seek a just, honorable peace with rebels and insurgents," Ms Arroyo said.

"We will put down terrorists by the sword (and) at the same time seek to turn the rebel swords into plowshares," she added.

30 choppers in 6 months

In her speech, Ms Arroyo lauded the counterterrorism training that US forces had provided the local police and military in cracking down on the al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf group. She announced that the United States would be delivering 30 helicopters within six months.

She said Washington was also assisting with wide-ranging defense reforms worth about P4 billion over the next six years, in addition to about P1.1 billion in aid to conflict-ridden areas in Mindanao.

In a message read by Ambassador Ricciardone, US President George W. Bush said the Leyte landing was a "pivotal moment" in World War II and a "central event in the long history of friendship" between Manila and Washington.

Addressing the war veterans, Bush said: "We will pass on to our children what your great generation passed to us—a world where liberty is the right of all humankind, and where men and women will remain vigilant in its defense."

There was no mention in Bush's message about the benefits that the war veterans had been lobbying Washington for many years now.

Frayed relations

In her speech, Ms Arroyo acknowledged that ties with the United States, Australia and other allies were frayed recently. They criticized Manila for withdrawing its small peacekeeping contingent from Iraq early to save the life of kidnapped Filipino truck driver Angelo de la Cruz.

"But we do owe that freedom to decide our national interests to the blood shed by Filipinos and Americans, and Australians, in the Second World War," she said. "And we do appreciate that as the controversy has ebbed, we have arrived at a higher kind of maturity in our strategic partnership."

The Leyte landing allowed US Gen. Douglas MacArthur, the supreme allied commander of the Pacific forces, to fulfill his famed vow "I shall return," which he made when he withdrew from the Philippines to Australia in 1942.

The landing preceded the Battle of Leyte Gulf on Oct. 22-27, 1944 that involved more than 739 ships in what is considered as history's largest sea battle.

The Japanese offered little resistance and instead chose to fall back toward Leyte's mountains and stage a defense there. All but 800 of the 80,000 Japanese died.

From Leyte, the allied forces went on to invade the main Philippine island of Luzon and liberate Manila in February 1945. The United States granted the Philippines independence the following year.

War on poverty

Ms Arroyo also used the occasion to call on Filipinos to show selflessness and bravery in the country's struggle for economic liberation—the same qualities that WWII veterans had displayed in the struggle to free the Philippines from Japanese occupation forces.

THESE are our boys who once went to war and won valiantly but lost out miserably in the end. Veterans of the Leyte Landing, those who could still get up and walk, remember their participation in the massive Allied invasion of Leyte, look like a sorry lot, their dreams of the US promise of equal benefits with their American counterparts lie in a wasteland of memories. VAL HANDUMON

Ms Arroyo said high interest payments on past foreign borrowings to finance the country's growth had eroded the government's finances.

She warned that the poor would suffer more if international creditors gave the country a credit downgrade should the government fail to carrying out fiscal reforms.

Painful reforms

"Political rhetoric will not save the poor. Only a purposely agenda carried out with strong resolve to reduce our debt and finance our development from our own resources, our own taxes, only this can liberate the Filipino from poverty and economic crisis," she said.

Ms Arroyo has proposed a package of painful reforms, such as increased taxes, high power rates, and reduced government spending over the next six years.

"Sixty years ago, MacArthur came back to fulfill a promise, that promise led to our military liberation. Today, let us make a promise; let us make a new pact with history to back our economic freedom and to correct the moral and economic deficits of the past," she said.

"This is the most important war today. This is the most important promise we can make today. Let us do right by our veterans, let us make life better for them, let us make life better for their grandchildren and their descendants." *With reports from Gil C. Cabacungan Jr in Manila and AP*

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The Catholic Mass Media Awards Foundation, in the presence of Her Excellency, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, honored media practitioners during its 2004 Awards Night held recently at the Ateneo de Manila University's Henry Lee Irwin Theatre.

Sixty-seven (67) individuals and organizations were named as the CMMA's best for the year 2003, while nineteen (19) special citations in various categories, i.e. print, radio, television, internet, cinema, music and film were handed out.

ABS-CBN's "Wansapanataym" was elevated to the CMMA Hall of Fame, having won as Best Children's Program for three consecutive years.

This year, the CMMA Board of Trustees also presented the Jaime L. Cardinal Sin SERVIAM awards, a tribute to individuals and groups who have made outstanding contributions to country and the Church. This year's Serviam awardees are led by the late National Artist Nick Joaquin and Radyo Makati hosted by Mayor Jejomar C. Binay.

In his address, Manila Archbishop Gaudencio B. Rosales, D.D., honorary CMMA Chairman, exhorted media "to inspire more responsibility, authenticity, truthfulness and nobility" among those who work in mass communications.

This year's theme, "The Media and the Family: A Risk and a Richness" focuses on the enormous positive potentials for promoting sound human and family values as well as its downside and the possible harm it can inflict on our families.

The CMMA was launched in 1978 by then Manila Archbishop Jaime L. Cardinal Sin to honor media works and practitioners who made outstanding contributions to God and the Church.

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Bishop Gabriel Reyes of the Diocese of Antipolo and Manila Auxiliary Bishop Bernardino Cortez led presentors from the clergy: Fr. Joselito Jopson, Fr. Steven Zabala, Fr. Francis Lucas, Fr. Bong Bongayan, Fr. Robert Reyes, Fr. Bobby Titco and Sr. Mary John Mananzan, OSB.

Media personalities who also presented the various awards included Tin Tin Bersola-Babao, Julius Babao, Ces Drilon, Arnold Clavio, Susan Enriquez, Ivan Mayrina, Hans Montenegro, Elizabeth Oropesa, Ciara Sotto, Jiro Manio and Polo Ravales.

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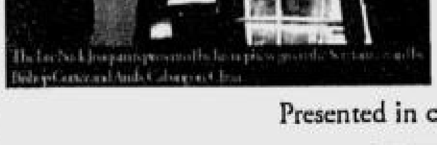
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Arroyo lauds US, other allies at Leyte Landing rites

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war.

Romulo, then a journalist, accompanied MacArthur during the Leyte landing.

"That frail and weak Filipino did not ask for food, for clothes, for anything at all. What he asked was what he could do to help the war," Ms Arroyo said.

"That is the Filipino. Such selflessness and bravery are innate in the Filipino. And these are the qualities I still see today as we struggle against strong currents of fiscal crisis, as we ride the undertow of debt that we have gotten used to as a source of our development."

"Our commitments to freedom and the war against terror are unflagging, and they will be as unflagging in our determination to seek a just, honorable peace with rebels and insurgents," Ms Arroyo said.

"We will put down terrorists by the sword (and) at the same time seek to turn the rebel swords into plowshares," she added.

30 choppers in 6 months

In her speech, Ms Arroyo lauded the counterterrorism training that US forces had provided the local police and military in cracking down on the al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf group. She announced that the United States would be delivering 30 helicopters within six months.

She said Washington was also assisting with wide-ranging defense reforms worth about P4 billion over the next six years, in addition to about P1.1 billion in aid to conflict-ridden areas in Mindanao.

In a message read by Ambassador Ricciardone, US President George W. Bush said the Leyte landing was a "pivotal moment" in World War II and a "central event in the long history of friendship" between Manila and Washington.

Addressing the war veterans, Bush said: "We will pass on to our children what your great generation passed to us—a world where liberty is the right of all humankind, and where men and women will remain vigilant in its defense."

There was no mention in Bush's message about the benefits that the war veterans had been lobbying Washington for many years now.

Frayed relations

In her speech, Ms Arroyo acknowledged that ties with the United States, Australia and other allies were frayed recently. They criticized Manila for withdrawing its small peacekeeping contingent from Iraq early to save the life of kidnapped Filipino truck driver Angelo de la Cruz.

"But we do owe that freedom to decide our national interests to the blood shed by Filipinos and Americans, and Australians, in the Second World War," she said. "And we do appreciate that as the controversy has ebbed, we have arrived at a higher kind of maturity in our strategic partnership."

The Leyte landing allowed US Gen. Douglas MacArthur, the supreme allied commander of the Pacific forces, to fulfill his famed vow "I shall return," which he made when he withdrew from the Philippines to Australia in 1942.

The landing preceded the Battle of Leyte Gulf on Oct. 22-27, 1944 that involved more than 739 ships in what is considered as history's largest sea battle.

The Japanese offered little resistance and instead chose to fall back toward Leyte's mountains and stage a defense there. All but 800 of the 80,000 Japanese died.

From Leyte, the allied forces went on to invade the main Philippine island of Luzon and liberate Manila in February 1945. The United States granted the Philippines independence the following year.

War on poverty

Ms Arroyo also used the occasion to call on Filipinos to show selflessness and bravery in the country's struggle for economic liberation—the same qualities that WWII veterans had displayed in the struggle to free the Philippines from Japanese occupation forces.

Ms Arroyo said high interest payments on past foreign borrowings to finance the country's growth had eroded the government's finances.

She warned that the poor would suffer more if international creditors gave the country a credit downgrade should the government fail to carrying out fiscal reforms.

Painful reforms

"Political rhetoric will not save the poor. Only a purposely agenda carried out with strong resolve to reduce our debt and finance our development from our own resources, our own taxes, only this can liberate the Filipino from poverty and economic crisis," she said.

Ms Arroyo has proposed a package of painful reforms, such as increased taxes, high power rates, and reduced government spending over the next six years.

"Sixty years ago, MacArthur came back to fulfill a promise, that promise led to our military liberation. Today, let us make a promise; let us make a new pact with history to back our economic freedom and to correct the moral and economic deficits of the past," she said.

"This is the most important war today. This is the most important promise we can make today. Let us do right by our veterans, let us make life better for them, let us make life better for their grandchildren and their descendants."

With reports from Gil C. Cabacungan Jr in Manila and AP

THESE are our boys who once went to war and won valiantly but lost out miserably in the end. Veterans of the Leyte Landing, those who could still get up and walk, remember their participation in the massive Allied invasion of Leyte, look like a sorry lot, their dreams of the US promise of equal benefits with their American counterparts lie in a wasteland of memories. VAL HANDUMON

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CMMA honors media with conscience

The Catholic Mass Media Awards Foundation, in the presence of Her Excellency, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, honored media practitioners during its 2004 Awards Night held recently at the Ateneo de Manila University's Henry Lee Irwin Theatre.

Sixty-seven (67) individuals and organizations were named as the CMMA's best for the year 2003, while nineteen (19) special citations in various categories, i.e. print, radio, television, internet, cinema, music and film were handed out.

ABS-CBN's "Wansapanataym" was elevated to the CMMA Hall of Fame, having won as Best Children's Program for three consecutive years.

This year, the CMMA Board of Trustees also presented the Jaime L. Cardinal Sin SERVIAM awards, a tribute to individuals and groups who have made outstanding contributions to country and the Church. This year's Serviam awardees are led by the late National Artist Nick Joaquin and Radyo Makati hosted by Mayor Jejomar C. Binay.

In his address, Manila Archbishop Gaudencio B. Rosales, D.D., honorary CMMA Chairman, exhorted media "to inspire more responsibility, authenticity, truthfulness and nobility" among those who work in mass communications.

This year's theme, "The Media and the Family: A Risk and a Richness" focuses on the enormous positive potentials for promoting sound human and family values as well as its downside and the possible harm it can inflict on our families.

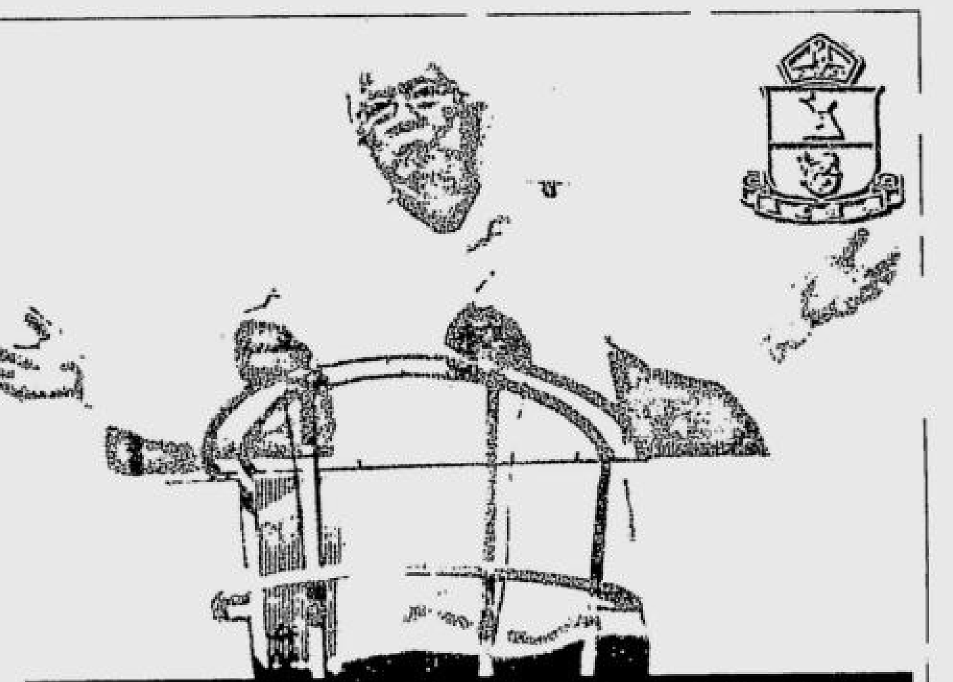
The CMMA was launched in 1978 by then Manila Archbishop Jaime L. Cardinal Sin to honor media works and practitioners who made outstanding contributions to God and the Church.

The CMMA Foundation is headed by its Chairman and President Amb. Antonio L. Cabangon-Chua and its officials – Antonio A. Henson, Vice-Chairman; Juan P. Dayang, Secretary; Philip E. Juico, Treasurer; Rosie Lovely T. Romulo, Engr. Feorelio Bote,' & (Ret.) Gen. Manuel Roxas, as members. Executive Director is Fr. Joselito Jopson. This year's Project Director is Quintin P. Pastrana.

Multi-awarded actor & director Eric Quizon together with G. Toengi played hosts during the 4-hour presentation ceremonies which featured showbiz personalities-Jay R, Jamie Rivera, Sheryn Regis, Angelica dela Cruz, Jeffrey Hidalgo, Jett Pangan, Malik, Geneva Cruz, Jong Cuenco, Jolina Magdangal and the Akafellas.

Bishop Gabriel Reyes of the Diocese of Antipolo and Manila Auxiliary Bishop Bernardino Cortez led presentors from the clergy: Fr. Joselito Jopson, Fr. Steven Zabala, Fr. Francis Lucas, Fr. Bong Bongayan, Fr. Robert Reyes, Fr. Bobby Titco and Sr. Mary John Mananzan, OSB.

Media personalities who also presented the various awards included Tin Tin Bersola-Babao, Julius Babao, Ces Drilon, Arnold Clavio, Susan Enriquez, Ivan Mayrina, Hans Montenegro, Elizabeth Oropesa, Ciara Sotto, Jiro Manio and Polo Ravales.



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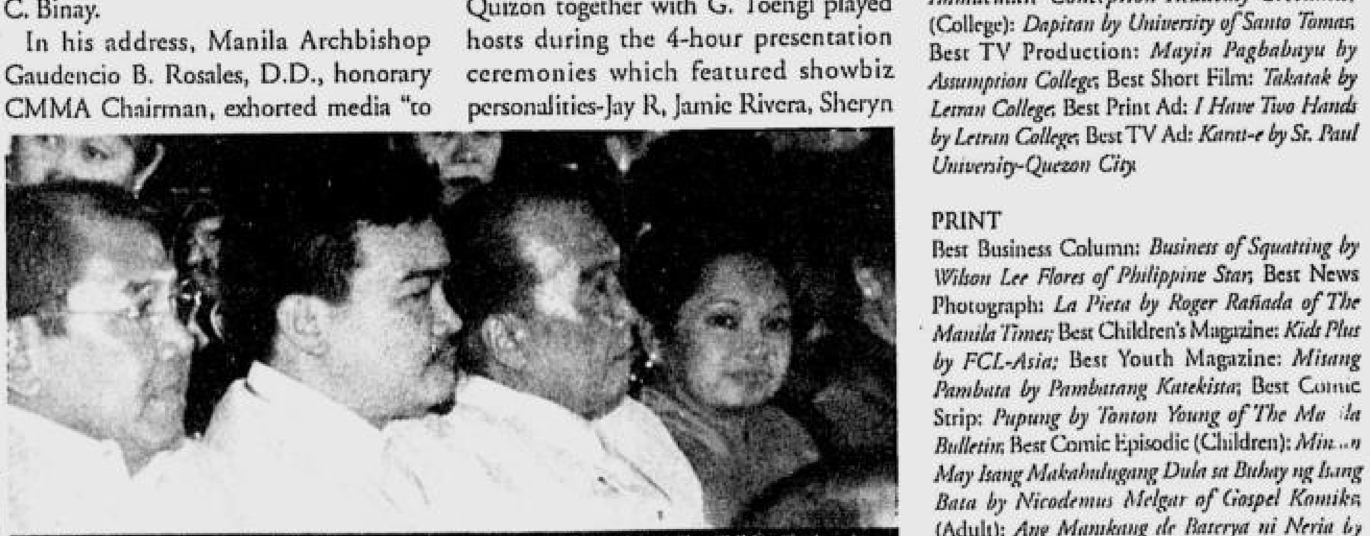

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EL NIÑO IS COMING

Drier, hotter Christmas looms

By Norman Bordadora

THE PHILIPPINE Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration yesterday warned of drier conditions for the rest of the year and slightly warmer than normal temperatures in the first half of 2005.

In an advisory for another El Niño episode, Pagasa said that the persistent warming of the atmosphere over the central equatorial Pacific Ocean has expanded. The weather bureau said that this indicates a weak El Niño phenomenon in the works.

"With this development, drier than normal conditions are expected in western and central Luzon, the Bicol region, eastern Visayas and some areas in western Mindanao for the remainder of the year," said Pagasa officer in charge Dr. Prisco Nilo.

"An increased risk of below normal rainfall is likewise expected in most parts of the country during the first quarter of 2005," he added.

A hotter than usual summer is also expected as Nilo mentioned,the likelihood of slightly warmer than normal temperatures over the country up to the first half of the year. Summer usually sets in over the archipelago during the second quarter of the year.

With the El Niño's expected effects on the country's fresh water reserves, Pagasa urged government agencies to continue implementing appropriate measures to mitigate the potential impact of El Niño on agriculture, water resources, hydropower generation, health and sanitation, and other sectors.

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The WORLD

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Top relief worker kidnapped in Iraq

BAGHDAD—Iraq suffered a fresh blow Wednesday as the foreign aid group CARE International halted its operations in the violence-wracked country after the kidnapping of a top relief worker, while a car bomb blew up in Baghdad.

US-led air raids, meanwhile, destroyed two alleged safe houses of Islamic militant Abu Mussab al-Zarqawi's network in the rebel-held city of Fallujah, the military said.

They struck "two adjoining Abu Mussab al-Zarqawi terrorist safe houses in northeast Fallujah," it said in a statement.

There was no immediate report of casualties.

The kidnapping of the CARE official and latest violence once more undermined efforts by the US-backed interim government to restore stability ahead of national elections promised in January.

Margaret Hassan, who was born in Ireland and has lived in Iraq for three decades, was snatched by gunmen on her way to work in Baghdad on Tuesday in the latest hostage crisis that has already claimed scores of foreign and Iraqi lives.

Britain, Ireland and the United States condemned the abduction and said they would work to release CARE's top Baghdad staffer, who has both British and—through her husband—Iraqi citizenship.

HASSAN

"This is someone who has lived in Iraq for 30 years, someone who is immensely respected, someone who is doing their level best to help the country," British Prime Minister Tony Blair said.

He was speaking just days after another hostage, Kenneth Bigley, became the first Briton to be beheaded in the war-battered country.

Britain's embassy in Baghdad said it was working with the Iraqi authorities to establish what had happened. "Consulate officials are in touch with next of kin," a spokesperson added.

Hassan's abduction was a further sign of the insurgents' willingness to strike at workers from humanitarian agencies, after two Italian aid workers were taken in early September.

The two women were released after a three-week ordeal.

Adding to the tension in Baghdad, a suicide car bomb exploded Wednesday on the road to the international airport, killing only the driver, while a roadside bomb blew up near a US vehicle but caused no casualties, the US Army said.

"There was a VBIED (vehicle-borne improvised explosive device) on the airport road but there were no civilians around and no multinational forces," said spokesperson Maj. Philip Smith.

US soldiers in Iraq and the newly formed Iraqi security forces are near daily targets in an insurgency that has raged since last year's invasion.

The country's national guard bore the brunt of an attack Tuesday when mortar rounds hit a base north of the capital, killing four and wounding 82 other people.

A separate mortar and rocket barrage, left one US contractor dead and seven other people wounded at a US Army compound in the capital.

Kellogg Brown and Root, a subsidiary of the US oil services giant Halliburton, confirmed its employee was killed, bringing to 54 the number of deaths suffered by Halliburton and its subcontractors in Iraq. *AFP*

Al-Zarqawi placed on UN sanctions list

UNITED NATIONS—A UN committee has placed the network of alleged terrorist mastermind Abu-Musab al-Zarqawi—the most feared terrorist operating in Iraq—on its list of groups subject to UN sanctions.

The Security Council committee monitoring sanctions against al-Qaida and the Taliban said in an announcement Tuesday it had added al-Zarqawi's network, Jama'at al-Tawhid Wa'al-Jihad—known as Tawhid and Jihad—to the list on Monday. It said the group is also known as the Monotheism and Jihad Group.

Led by the Jordanian-born al-Zarqawi, the group has claimed responsibility for numerous high-profile attacks on American troops, Iraqi security personnel and the kidnapping and beheading of several foreigners which were aired over the Internet. It also claimed responsibility for last year's bombing of the UN headquarters in Baghdad.

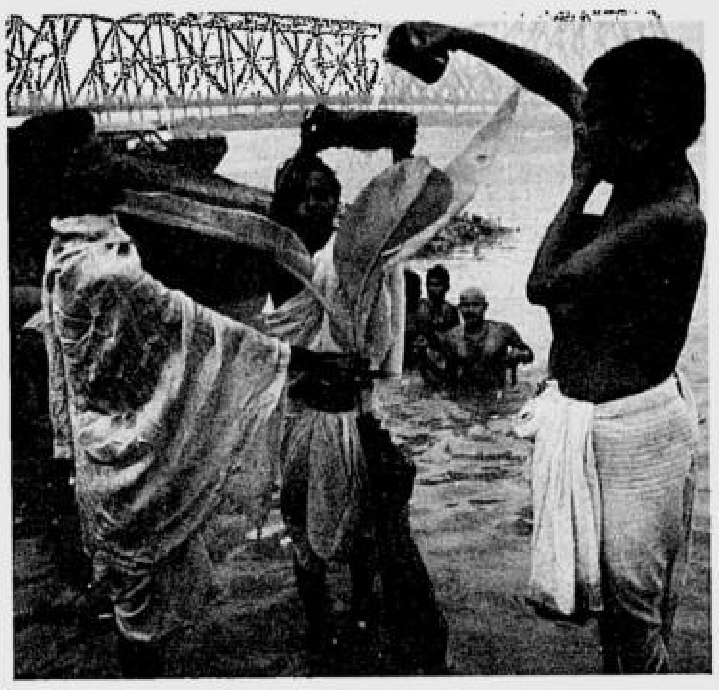
The Security Council shifted sanctions from the government of Afghanistan to terror leader Osama bin Laden, his al-Qaida terror network and remnants of the Taliban in January 2002, after a US-led force ousted the Taliban.

The sanctions require all countries to freeze assets and impose an arms embargo and travel ban on the 316 individuals and entities on a UN sanctions list for links to the two groups.

The committees move comes just days after the United States formally listed Tawhid and Jihad a terrorist organization.

Tawhid and Jihad, Iraq's most feared militant group, has declared its allegiance to Bin Laden, saying it had agreed with al-Qaida over strategy and the need for unity against "the enemies of Islam."

The declaration, which could not be independently verified, appeared Sunday on a website often used as a clearinghouse for statements by militant groups. *AP*



HINDU RITES

Hindu priests perform a ritual during the Durga Puja, the biggest five-day festival for Bengali Hindus, on the banks of the River Hooghly in Calcutta Wednesday. In Hindu mythology, Durga symbolizes power and the triumph of good over evil. REUTERS

UN Security Council urges 78 nations to submit terror reports

UNITED NATIONS—The Security Council called on 78 countries to urgently submit reports on their efforts to combat terrorism to the UN committee monitoring what governments are doing to stop terrorists from getting money, support and sanctuary.

A presidential statement, adopted Tuesday by consensus by the council, endorsed the counterterrorism committee's plans to step up its activities, including sending teams to visit countries which need assistance in their efforts to combat terrorism.

It noted that 78 of the 191 UN member states hadn't submitted updated reports to the committee on time, and called on them "urgently to do so."

The council also encouraged "the largest possible number of states to become parties to the international conventions and protocols related to counterterrorism."

US legal counsel Nicholas Rostow told an open council meeting that despite repeated calls by the Security Council and the General Assembly for all countries to ratify and become parties to the 12 international instruments to fight terrorism, only 57 nations had done so.

"We can and must do better," he said, noting that 47 states were parties to fewer than six of the conventions and protocols.

Rostow stressed that strong statements from countries condemning terrorism were meaningful only if they were followed up with action to win the war on terrorism.

In response to the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States, the Security Council adopted a resolution demanding that governments adopt legislation and take administrative measures to halt support and financing for terrorists.

This year, the council established an executive body in the counterterrorism committee to beef up UN efforts to get all countries to comply with the resolution.

Javier Ruperez, the executive director of the new Executive Directorate, told the council that he expects the body to be fully operational "no later than the first days of the new year."

He said the Executive Directorate would intensify contacts with member states "to identify their needs and try to obtain for them the assistance they require" so that they are "armed with the legal and administrative tools to confront the threat of terrorism."

Several of the 40 speakers during the open debate called for a more permanent UN body to deal with terrorism. *AP*

Bush, Kerry focus on 10 key states

WASHINGTON—Two weeks before the Nov. 2 election, the White House race between President George W. Bush and Sen. John Kerry has come down to a fight for about 10 states—with Florida and Ohio topping the battlegrounds.

In a campaign that polls show is too close to call, the battle for the 270 electoral votes needed for Bush or Kerry to claim the White House could turn on local factors like the turnout among black voters in Florida or union members in Ohio.

Kerry and Bush each have comfortable leads in states worth more than 200 electoral votes, leaving the bitter rivals to wrestle over fewer than 120 electoral votes in a shrinking field of toss-up states.

Florida and Ohio, with a combined 47 electoral votes, top the list of swing states, with Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nevada, New Mexico, New Hampshire, Minnesota and Colorado right behind.

"As we found in 2000, a presidential race is decided in the states," said Matthew Streb, a political scientist at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California. "And right now, we're looking at five to eight states that are going to decide this election."

In 2000, Bush earned fewer votes than Democrat Al Gore but narrowly won the Electoral College, highlighting the importance of state-by-state results. Typically, Electoral College votes go to the winner of each state.

This year, Bush begins the 2004 race with an electoral head start. Because of population shifts recorded in the last census, the 30 states Bush won in 2000 are now worth seven more electoral votes, giving him a base of 278. The states won by Democrat Al Gore are now worth 260 electoral votes.

The close race has led to boundless possibilities. A switch of a state or two from one column to another could result in easy wins for Bush or Kerry—or a deadlocked 269-269 electoral race that would be decided by the Republican-led House of Representatives.

To claim the White House, Kerry likely will need victories in at least one of two big states that Bush won in 2000—Florida, with 27 electoral votes, and Ohio, with 20 electoral votes. Both states are dead heats, according to recent polls.

The third big prize, Pennsylvania with 21 electoral votes, was won by Gore in 2000 and appears to be slightly leaning to Kerry, but is still up for grabs.

Whoever wins two of the big three will have a huge advantage. Anyone who sweeps the three can probably book a ticket to the White House.

Independent pollster Dick Bennett of American Research Group said that just like in 2000 the road to the White House goes through Florida—particularly for the senator from Massachusetts.

Bush could lose either Ohio or Florida and still win the election by picking up states he narrowly lost last time—like Wisconsin, where polls show the race is a dead heat, and Minnesota, where polls show Kerry with a slight lead. They have a combined 20 electoral votes. *Reuters*

TV station airs footage of Madrid bombings

MADRID—A ball of fire erupts from a train car, smothering commuters with smoke and littering the platform with bodies and staining it with blood in a chilling security-camera videotape of the March 11 train bombings broadcast by a Spanish station.

The video, taken at Madrid's Atocha station and aired by Telecinco on Tuesday, is believed to be the first public broadcast of images from the bombings that killed 191 people. Telecinco also broadcast video showing an armed, masked Islamic militant claiming responsibility for the attacks on behalf of al-Qaida. The video was found near a mosque in the days after the attacks.

Also Tuesday, the interior minister said a radical Muslim cell broken up this week by police had been plotting to bomb the National Court, a hub of Spain's investigations of Islamic terrorism.

"This was an operation against radical Muslims. They were planning to commit terrorist attacks," Interior Minister Jose Antonio Alonso told reporters at Parliament.

The video of the March 11 attacks begins after one bomb has already exploded, with dazed commuters milling about on a smoke-shrouded platform. The time on the tape says 7:38 a.m.

Then, smoke flows toward the camera and people on the platform are knocked over—apparently by another blast.

About five seconds later, a ball of orange flames erupts from a stopped train, filling the screen. The tape includes no sound, just images.

The video appeared to have been taken from atop an escalator, looking down onto the platform.

Four minutes later, bodies are seen strewn on the platform amid puddles of blood. Police and emergency medical staffers attend to them. *AP*

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Gay novel of Thatcher years wins prestigious Booker Prize

LONDON—British author Alan Hollinghurst won the Booker Prize, one of the world's most prestigious literary awards, on Tuesday for the tale of a gay hedonist living in Margaret Thatcher's Britain of the 1980s.

"I know it is the decision for which I shall be grateful for the rest of my life," the softly-spoken 50-year-old writer said as he reflected on the coveted award that gave his novel "The Line of Beauty" instant literary acclaim.

"I feel very exhilarated and hardly know where I am."

Hollinghurst's recollections of the Thatcher era were certainly not fond.

"I felt an undiminished sense of indignation living through it," he told reporters after landing the Booker at his second attempt.

Former Culture Minister Chris Smith described the decision as "incredibly difficult and close." Organizers confirmed it was the first time in the 36-year history of the Booker that a gay novel had won the prize.

The novel tells the tale of young Nick Guest, an Oxford University graduate living in the London house of a high-flying Conservative parliamentarian at the height of Thatcher's power.

HOLLINGHURST

Guest has a passionate affair with a black council worker before falling in love with a cocaine-addicted millionaire.

In the book's most memorable scene, the hero dances with Thatcher at a party while he is drugged up to the eyeballs.

The 50,000-pound ($90,000) prize bestows instant literary fame on the winner, who can look forward to hitting bestseller lists around the world. *Reuters*

Yudhoyono sworn in as Indonesia's 6th president

JAKARTA—Former general Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono took office as Indonesia's first directly elected leader on Wednesday after sweeping to power by vowing faster job growth, a war on corruption and tough punishment for terrorists.

A solemn-looking Yudhoyono was sworn in at parliament in front of the very legislators many expect will challenge the big popular mandate he won in Indonesia's historic democratic presidential ballot last month.

He is expected to announce his Cabinet on Wednesday evening.

Outgoing leader Megawati Sukarnoputri, embittered over her crushing defeat at the hands of her former chief security minister, skipped the low-key swearing-in ceremony.

Wearing a dark suit and a black Muslim cap, Yudhoyono promised in his brief oath to work hard and pledged just rule for the world's most populous Muslim nation. The leaders of Australia, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei and East Timor attended.

"This is an important moment in Indonesian history," Australian Prime Minister John Howard told Yudhoyono on behalf of the other leaders when they all met after the ceremony.

Yudhoyono is scheduled to make his first speech as leader at 3 p.m. He has already said he might have to introduce tougher laws to tackle terrorists linked to al-Qaida who have been blamed for a spate of bombings in recent years.

The inauguration marked a major step forward in Indonesia's democratic transition following a turbulent six years since former longtime strongman Suharto stepped down. Yudhoyono is the country's fourth president since then.

The landslide election victory of a man popularly known by his initials has sparked hope among ordinary Indonesians and also foreign investors of better times after Megawati's stable but ineffectual rule.

But one question mark hanging over his five-year term is his reputation for being indecisive. He must also face a hostile parliament where several big parties have formed an opposition.

"Many close and long-term observers of SBY think that he is hesitant, changes easily, and has difficulty making decisions.

"A classic flip-flopper," said William Liddle, an expert on Indonesia from Ohio State University.

"So I will be looking for firmness, single-mindedness, the core of an overall policy vision. Appointing both protectionists and free marketeers to key economic policy positions will be an early negative sign of likely policy inconsistency."

Those signs are already there. Yudhoyono may in the end not appoint the IMF's respected chief for Southeast Asia, Sri Mulyani Indrawati, as finance minister amid protests from groups unhappy about her International Monetary Fund links. *Reuters*

Burma shake-up dashes reforms

BANGKOK — The forcing out of Burma's (also known as Myanmar) prime minister, architect of a tentative "roadmap to democracy," has dashed faint chances for an end to military rule and leaves Southeast Asia's policy of constructive engagement in tatters.

The United Nations said it was worried by Tuesday's removal of Khin Nyunt, 64, after just over a year in the job and urged the secretive generals in charge of the former Burma to stay committed to democratic reform, despite criticism of the roadmap.

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan expressed concern about the welfare of democracy champion Aung San Suu Kyi and her deputy, Tin Oo, who have been under house arrest since May 2003.

The pair must be released "without further delay," a UN spokesperson said, although analysts and diplomats agree that this looks ever more unlikely given the outcome of a rumbling power struggle that has left army hardliners in total control.

Indonesian Foreign Minister Hassan Wirajuda said Jakarta now had "much less hope" that Nobel Peace laureate Suu Kyi would be released.

Her opposition National League for Democracy (NLD) won a landslide election victory in 1990 but was denied power by the Army, which has run the country in various guises since 1962.

Suu Kyi has spent much of the last 15 years under house arrest.

Some analysts went further, saying Burma should be kicked out of the 10-member Association of South East Asian Nations, which has tried to coax reform out of Rangoon's generals by bringing them into the regional fold.

Europe and the United States have chosen the opposite tack, branding Burma an international pariah and hitting it with increasingly severe sanctions. *Reuters*

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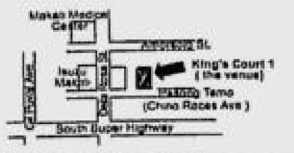

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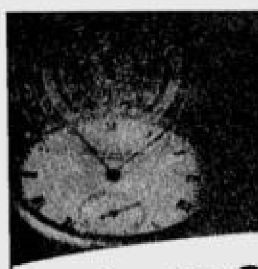

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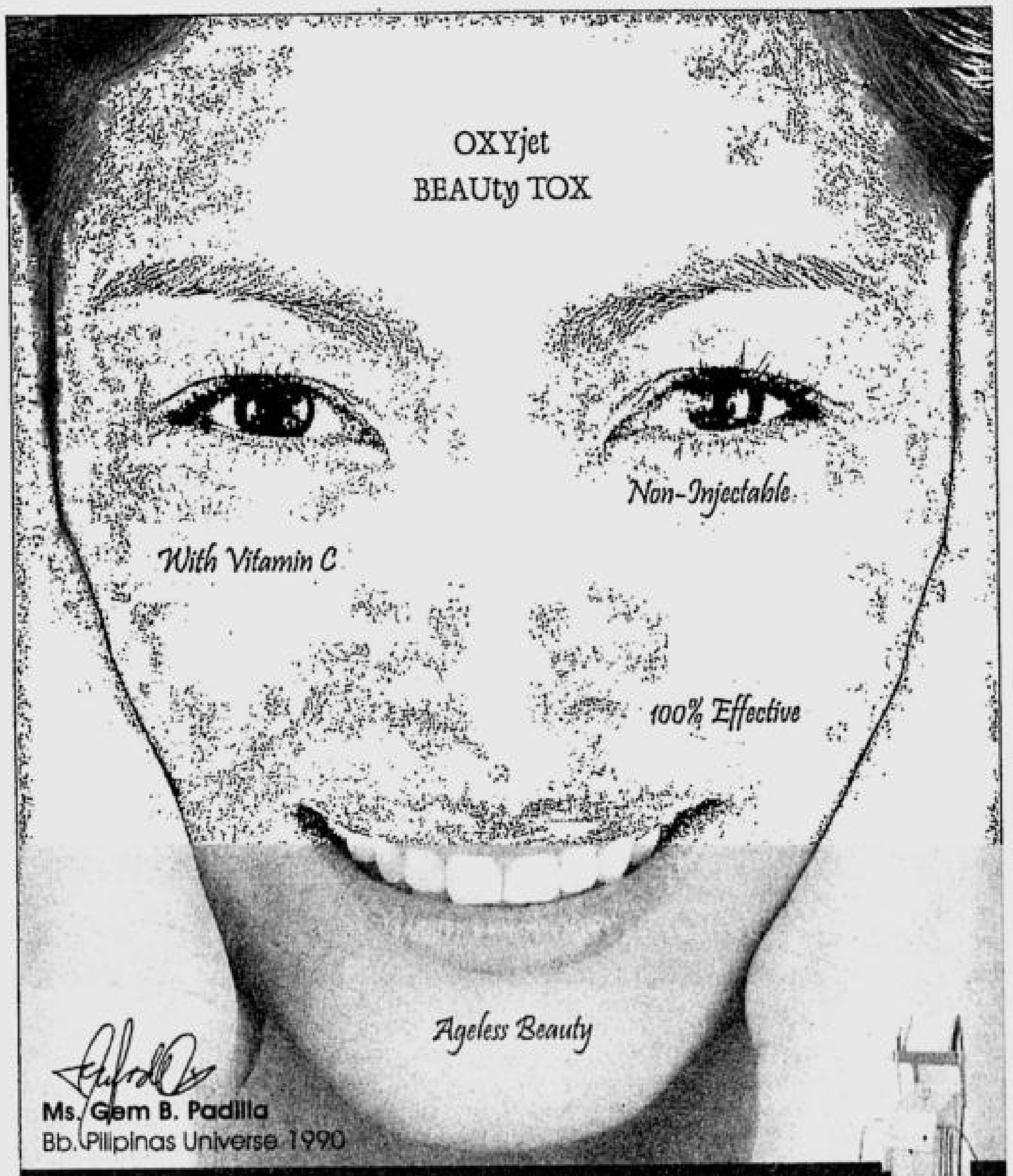

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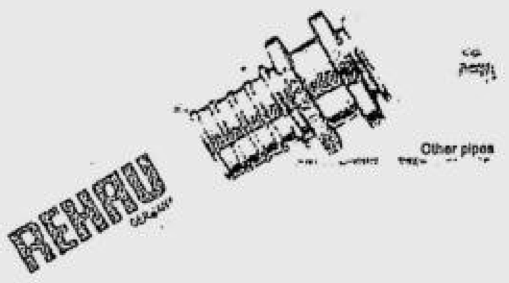

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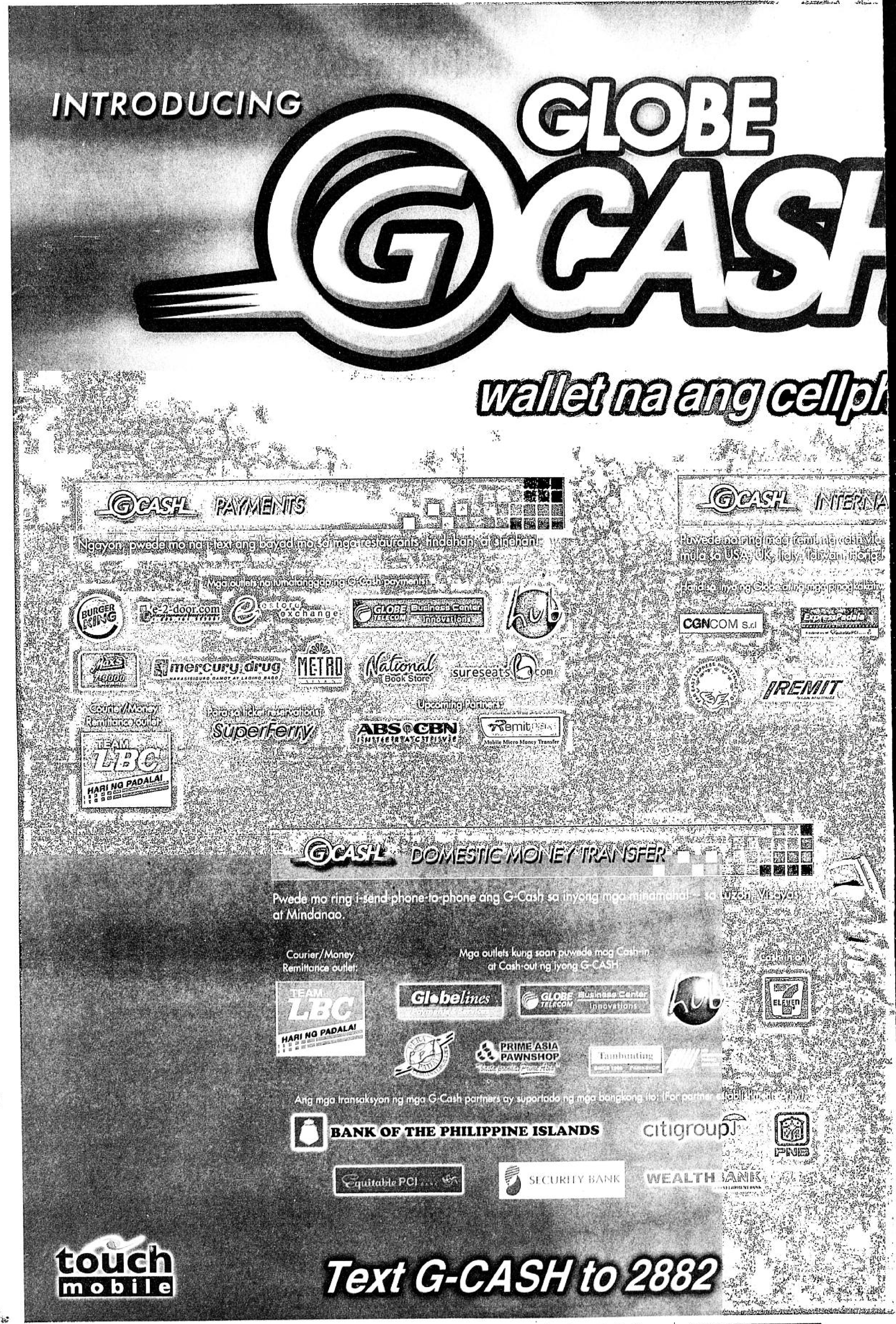
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EDITORIALS

Silent witness

JUDGING from the belated appearance of the controversial Maj. Gen. Carlos F. Garcia at the congressional hearings, and using newly available information, we can already see the outline of his defense.

Before the joint House committees last Monday, the former deputy chief of staff for comptrollership (J-6, in military speak) repeatedly invoked his right not to incriminate itself. He also reserved the right to answer the corruption allegations against him at the proper forum. "With due respect, I would like to answer the question before the Ombudsman, the Court of Appeals and the military court," he told the lawmakers.

When he appears in those venues, however, we can be certain he will employ a defense that will depend in large part on the fine art of delegating upwards. In Monday's hearing, he gave a sample of the strategy. "J-6 releases funds only with the approval of the chief of staff," he said. Not to put too fine a point on it, he then offered the negative construction: "J-6 cannot release funds without the approval of the chief of staff."

His defense, we are certain, will also employ a related strategy: minimizing the scope of his responsibilities. On Monday, he tried a variation of a theme we are sure to hear again and again. "We only release [funds]. We don't have discretion."

A third defense strategy may be the most crucial. The most telling pieces of evidence against Garcia have come from his wife, who unwittingly provided US customs officials with a detailed confirmation of their family's illegal sources of income. Now there is talk, from within the military community, that may prove legally useful.

Clarita Garcia has had brain surgery, not once but twice. "That's why I am not surprised why she said those things. *Iba na ang* [She's on a different] frequency," a retired general told the INQUIRER.

In other words, the Philippine version of the insanity defense.

State witness

THE NOTION that the national interest would be better served if the government worked with Maj. Gen. Carlos F. Garcia as a state witness is premature at best. At worst, it will leave the military unreformed, and allow Garcia to go scot-free

Let us be clear. Turning the dollar-rich, sleep-deprived general into a state witness will likely mean that we won't see any general convicted of graft at all.

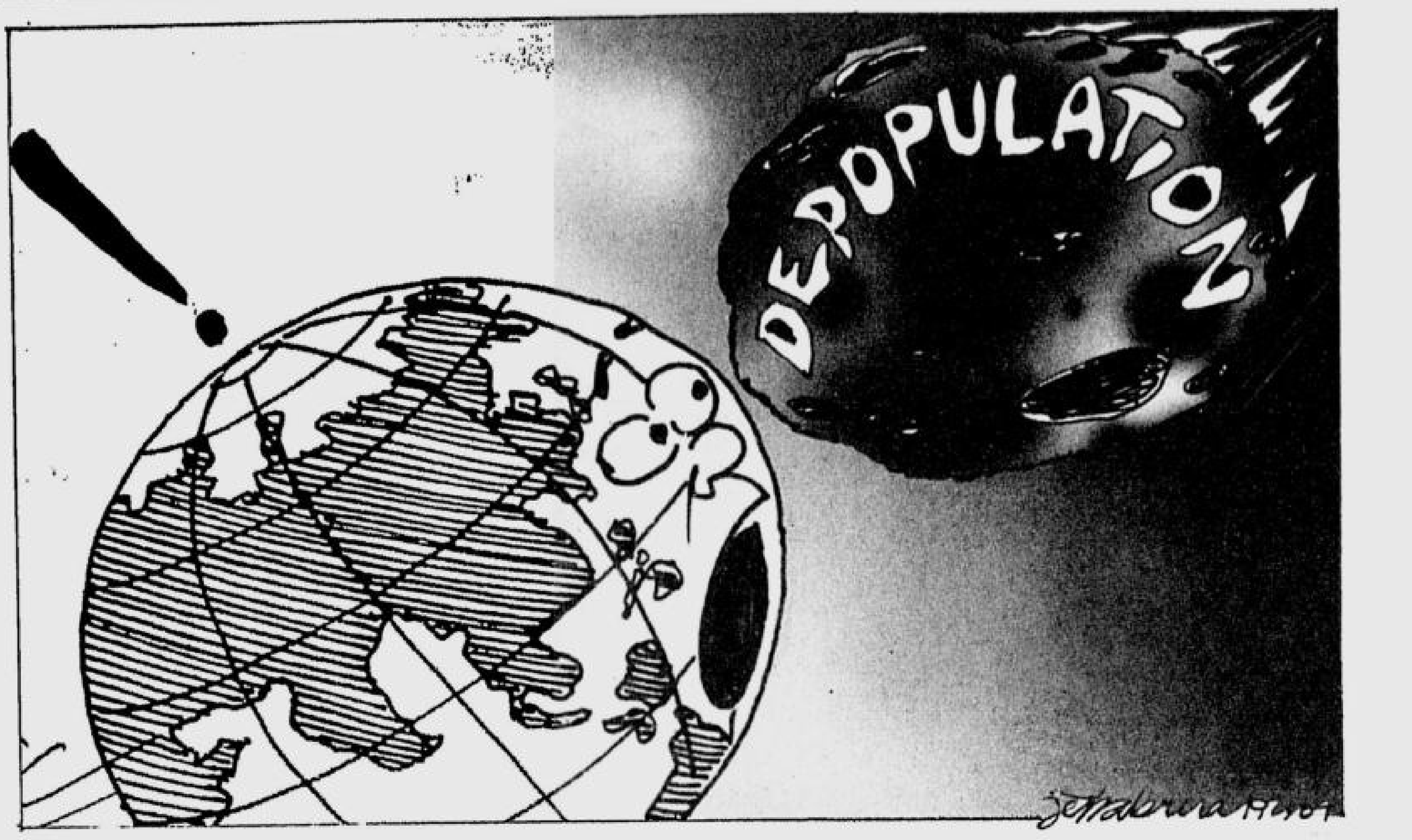
That the state witness must be proven to be the least guilty among principals in a crime is the elementary requirement. We cannot even be sure that Garcia, who as comptroller of the Armed Forces had access to military funds, would pass this test. But assuming that he does, we can almost be certain that the legal case against the other generals will be weaker than any case against him. The case against Garcia will be based in large part on smoking-gun documentation, including papers from or submitted to US customs. The case against the other generals, if Garcia turns state witness, will rely on Garcia's own testimony.

Even only in terms of legal tactics, this is not a good deal.

To be sure, Garcia's millionaire lifestyle, as recounted in the documents his own wife submitted to the US customs, cannot be an isolated case. Other generals also live beyond their stated means. But the way to charge them with cases that stick is not to let Garcia get away with it.

If indeed there is evidence beyond reasonable doubt against Garcia, then he must be found guilty. If, in his defense, he maintains that other generals have done it too, then by all means his statements must be used to buttress the cases against the others. If, in the trial, patterns of corruption in the military are proven, then the same patterns should be used to support the other cases.

But throw all the incontrovertible documentation against Garcia into the wind, for the chance to, maybe, just maybe, land a big fish? Nonsense. Garcia is big enough.



Multi-layered diaspora

VIEWPOINT

Juan L. Mercado

HELEN Santiago-Sigua is a physician. She chairs San Beda's family medicine department and has a master's degree in hospital administration. So why is she not abroad—or taking a nursing course? Half of the members of her University of the Philippines class (Batch 1985) have gone.

"I stayed for the same reasons others left—family," she writes. This includes a diabetic father who values a doctor-daughter's care, a husband professionally rooted locally, children getting "globally competitive education here." As a doctor and educator, she "manages to be happy, if not necessarily contented."

Such experiences are a backdrop for the Philippine College of Physicians' covenant for doctors where 6,000 of them pledged to work at home for at least three years. Philippine Medical Association records show that 2,000 doctors leave yearly.

Abroad, the demand for health-care givers, especially nurses, has soared. This spurs many, like Dr. Elmer Jacinto, who topped the 947 medical graduates who hurdled the board exams, to work as a nurse. One in every five PMA members has enrolled in nursing schools (300 today from 127 a decade back).

But doctor-as-nurse is only one aspect of a multi-layered diaspora, say the Washington Post's Ellen Nakashima and Edward Cody in their article, "Filipinos Take 'Going Places' Literally."

"What makes Philippine migration remarkable is its scope," they write. "No other Asian country has so many types of workers—from nanny to engineer and circus performer in so many different places: Hong Kong to Italy, Chad to Khazakstan."

Lack of economic opportunity and "a sense of being a nation adrift" will drive about a million Filipinos abroad this year. Almost 38 out of every 100 Filipinos live below the poverty line. And OFW relatives bail them out.

Today, 35 percent who leave are professionals, including computer specialists and agricultural scientists. The top United Nations migration specialist is a Filipino: Manolo Abella of the International Labor Organization. The Philippines is now the world's top exporter of nurses.

Musicians and performers form a second layer. "Their architects, artists and musicians are more artistic than ours," former Singapore Prime Minister Lee Kwan Yew writes in his memoirs. Musicians on a Caribbean cruise ship were superb, my sister in Toronto wrote. "They were Cebuanos."

Domestic workers make up the third—and largest—layer. They hazard abuse to support families here. "Millions leave their country for jobs abroad beneath their level of education," Lee Kwan Yew noted.

Smell the demographics. Job creation lags behind population increases, which is inevitable when a demographic transition wobbles on its way to lower birth and death rates. "The country would explode if the flow of migrants were halted," write Marites Vitug and George Werhfritz in Newsweek's story on "Filipino Flight."

The Bangko Sentral says OFW remittances reach almost $8 billion yearly. When flows via unofficial channels are tacked on, the total can reach $14 to 21 billion, according to the Asian Development Bank.

Few assess the social costs, the Catholic Commission on Migrant Workers notes. Prolonged absence of parents results in many kids "becoming emotional orphans." They're more likely to commit crimes, take drugs or have children out of wedlock, reports Newsweek.

Government reaction has been schizophrenic. The health department says stay, while the labor department says go, the Washington Post noted. We want you here, the education department insists. The Overseas Economic Assistance Office snaps: No, we want you there.

The migrants go anyway. So, this diaspora will accelerate, given the current economic crunch and instability. Filipinos will continue to take your EKG in Amsterdam, pilot you in West Africa, manage cigarette factories in Korea, offer Mass in Addis Ababa, teach in Indonesia and sail those ocean vessels.

Realities are shaping policies of reluctant tolerance. Officials are short of long range answers, probably, because there are none. At home, from health care to schooling, Filipinos rely on those who stay, like Dr. Helen Santiago-Sigua.

"Nursing is not lower in rank to physicians but a different aspect of the same calling," she points out. "We should not stereotype occupations... When a doctor works as a nurse, he does not demean himself."

"What's happening to Filipino doctors is a symptom of a societal disease. Government must help physicians find meaning and reward. At this hour of need, we deserve more than a medical malpractice bill.

"Perhaps I'm still 'stuck' because I've managed not to get demoralized by our local situation. As a clinical professor and prefect of students, I realize we must inspire would-be physicians—not for cash, prestige or ease—but to be 'doctors for the right reasons.'

"Being a doctor is a healing craft ... It's about alleviating pain and caring for creatures that may be the very least to society but most valuable to God. In fixing the body or mind, a doctor touches even the spirit, giving his profession almost magical dimensions. To perform this craft where it is most needed gives it its greater essence."

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Injustice

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

ANTIQUE Gov. Salvacion Zaldivar-Perez says the verdict of Regional Trial Court branch 12 finding Arturo Pacificador innocent of murdering Evelio Javier should be respected and accepted "even if it's painful like the Pangpang case." Perez was referring to the massacre in May 1984 of seven of Javier's supporters. Pacificador, Javier's political archenemy, was also accused of the crime but was acquitted. Only his men were convicted.

"Time heals and Antiqueños know in their hearts who had Beloy Javier killed," Perez added. She herself had four relatives who died in the Pangpang massacre. So that gives her a right to speak with authority on pain and acceptance in this case?

Not so.

This isn't just a personal pain, this is a national one. This is not just an injustice done to Javier, his relatives or to all Antiqueños, this is an injustice done to the nation. The need to right a monumental wrong remains as obdurate as ever. The need to punish the guilty remains as implacable as ever.

There are resignations and resignations. You may resign yourself to dying if you have cancer. You may not resign yourself to being murdered in the prime of life. Nor may the rest of us. We cannot resign ourselves to a monumental iniquity without dying ourselves.

Frankly, it staggers the imagination how Judge Rudy Castrojas could have found Pacificador innocent. He says what public opinion says and what the evidence shows are two different things. He says he can only judge on the basis of what he sees and hears in the court and not outside of it. Fair enough. But this is a case that even the most inept lawyer cannot bungle.

You may never hear someone say he actually heard Pacificador order his henchmen to gun down Javier like a dog in broad daylight. But you can always put two and two together.

Who had the means to murder Javier? Pacificador. He was top honcho in Antique and an ardent Marcos supporter to boot. He was Javier's bitterest enemy and had been accused once before of murdering Javier's people. Who had the opportunity to murder Javier? Pacificador. This was the snap elections, it was the perfect opportunity for Pacificador to show his boss, Marcos, what a loyal servant he was by removing a well-known Cory supporter from the face of the earth.

Who had the motive to murder Javier? Pacificador. That is the most damning thing of all. Who else would want to murder Javier while he campaigned for Cory? Javier himself points to him as the murderer. Shortly before the snap elections, he left a taped message naming the person who was bent on murdering him: Pacificador. If something should happen to him, Javier told the world in a recorded message, know only that one person could have done it: Pacificador. If Javier had risen from the grave and personally damned his oppressor, he could not have been more categorical.

Castrojos says there are other Pacificadors and not just Arturo. Chief of them is his son, Rodolfo whom the evidence points to as the mastermind. Unfortunately, Rodolfo is in Canada and cannot be made to answer for his crimes. *Sorry na lang.*

But his logic remains flawed. You grant Rodolfo was the mastermind and not Arturo, so what? The murder was clearly political, as Castrojos' own argument suggests. Why else would Rodolfo—and his lawyer, Avelino Avellana—want to kill Javier? If it was political, then Rodolfo could not have done it without Arturo's approval, as Arturo would be the first to reap the reward or punishment for it. And obviously they expected reward, the possibility of Marcos being ousted by an act of people power a month later being beyond the ken of the most fertile imagination.

At the very least then, this is a conspiracy, to go by Castrojos' logic. You assume Rodolfo was the mastermind and not his father, why should his father go free? Conspiracy is a crime. Maybe Arturo should get a lighter sentence—two life terms instead of three or four—but why should he go free?

I do not know what legal remedies are left after this ruling—there is the ban on double jeopardy. Though it's easy to see, with idiocies like this, why extra-legal remedies flourish in this country, and why the NPA gets to score points with the public with its routine practice of it.

But I do know one thing, which is that legal remedies or not, we may not slip quietly into the night respecting and accepting this atrocity however painful it is. Time may not heal this wound, it may only cause it to rot to malodorous lengths. There is only one thing that has been known to heal wounds like this, and that is justice.

It is not enough that we know in our hearts who did the foul deed and hope to God he rots in hell. I've heard it so many times before: each time somebody gets murdered in this country and retribution eludes his killers, we should let go, time heals, life goes on. No implacable pursuit of redress is going to bring back the dead.

Wrong. The dead do spring back to life in the dogged pursuit of justice. It is the only thing that makes them do so. Otherwise they are as dead as a doornail and as forgotten as graves with no names. Time does not heal wounds carved by iniquity, it makes them fester. And life does not go on in the face of humongous wrongs, only death does. Life gets pinned down in the grinding wheels of injustice, unable to lift itself to go on. Have you ever wondered why we as a people seem to be floating around in space, with no past or future, not knowing where we came from or where we are going? Have you ever wondered why if we have the sensation of moving at all, we seem only to be moving backward? A people with no sense of right and wrong will always feel that. A people that cannot reward right and punish wrong will always feel that.

No justice, no cure. No justice, no life.

Murdering the English language

Political Tidbits

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

REPORTS indicate that newly appointed AFP Chief of Staff Efren Abu will stay in the new job only until June, 2005. This means that he will have only eight months to serve in that capacity. The question is, can he institute the badly needed reforms, including stamping out corruption and straightening out the AFP procurement system, which has been the source of so many anomalies, in so short a time?

This is why the AFP chief of staff ought to have a fixed tenure of three years. Abu, who is now the Army chief, projects a clean-cut image and enjoys a good reputation in the AFP. His appointment to the top post was greeted with approval all around. But though he may be full of good intentions, he may be unable to effect reforms in eight months. It's true he stays a little longer than some previous appointees, but revolving door *pa rin*.

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I queried Senate President Franklin Drilon, who has served as justice secretary and executive secretary before, on this issue. He explained that Sec. 5, Article XVI of the Constitution allows the President to extend the tour of duty of the chief of staff—and no other official in the AFP—to a maximum of three years, except "in times of war or other national emergency declared by the Congress." He noted that there are a couple of bills pending in the Senate setting a fixed tenure of two years for the AFP chief (I imagine these bills are a reaction to the "revolving-door policy" of this administration). He added that if such a two-year tenure is to be binding on successive presidents, the bill has to be passed into law.

I submit that legislation is needed also to stop once and for all the taunting and intrigue that abound when a chief of staff's tenure is coming to an end. I heard Gen. Narciso Abaya passionately insisting on TV recently that he was not lobbying at all for an extension. I believe the guy since he's one of the more decent officers around. Such idle talk would not have arisen if his term were fixed by law.

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The Senate chief also said he has been following closely the House hearings. He stressed that the investigations have to get to the bottom of the corruption and the guilty must be punished. But he also called for sobriety in the handling of these investigations and warned against turning them into a "witch-hunt." He stressed that the rule of law and due process should be observed and asked that the witnesses be accorded respect. Drilon said he had "full faith and confidence" in the leadership of Abaya and his designated successor, Abu, and their resolve to "clean up the mess" in the AFP, in order to strengthen the institution they have served for so long.

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Talking of the House hearings, the biggest casualty, if you ask me, was the English language! Some generals on the witness stand, in their discomfiture over the grilling, got their grammar and syntax all screwed up. But more hilarious were the errors of the legislators. Doubtless many citizens rocked with laughter upon hearing, for instance, a congressman repeat over and over about how Gen. Carlos Garcia was more concerned about preserving his "right to self-incrimination" than telling the truth. The beleaguered general wore a stony look, but I think he was quite confused about this right.

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US President George W. Bush appears to be surging ahead of his rival, Sen. John Kerry, in recent US polls. Yesterday's CNN poll placed him at 48 percent versus Kerry's 46 percent, but in the CNN-Gallup poll Bush had 54 percent to Kerry's 44. In contrast, during the days immediately following the third debate, Kerry was ahead of Bush. After the euphoria over Kerry's debating prowess, US voters seem to have realized they still feel awfully nervous about homeland security and that they'd rather trust Bush than Kerry. The Bush campaign slogan of a "Safer America" seems to work. Recent developments, such as the tie-up between a prominent Iraqi militant and al-Qaida, the discovery of a new terrorist plot in Madrid and the kidnap of a charity organization's top official in Baghdad, only heighten the feeling among US voters that all's not well with the world. This is favoring Bush immensely.

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Several American states have allowed voting ahead of the Nov. 2 election in order to decongest voting precincts and prevent technical glitches and snafus similar to what happened in Florida in 2000. The snafus in Florida forced the US Supreme Court to intervene, resulting in the victory of Bush. The turnout in various states was quite enthusiastic, but the votes will not be counted ahead.

Such early voting shows the confidence of US voters in their electoral system. Here in the Philippines, voting ahead of election day, as some pundits note, is nothing new. It has been happening in some isolated areas since the electoral process began, like those that are controlled by warlords. The difference is that not only is early voting illegal in this country, but the votes, especially in Mindanao, are counted even before election day!

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Paging all my classmates in the old Holy Ghost College (now College of the Holy Spirit) high school class of 1956. A fund-raising bingo social will be held by the CHS Alumni Foundation this Saturday, Oct. 23, from 1-5 p.m. at the North Greenhills Clubhouse in San Juan, Metro Manila. Bingo tickets at P250 each are available at the shops of Bobby Novenario (brother of our classmate, Dr. Cristina Novenario-Eloriaga) at SM North Edsa, SM Mega Mall, Greenhills Shopping Center and Glorietta 1. You may also contact Cristina at 844-1914 or 843-4555. Come one, come all and see classmates you haven't seen in decades.

Strange encounter

Young Blood

Maricris B. Alatraca

We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twentysomething and below.—Ed.

IT happened one Saturday afternoon when I took a side trip to the mall after my dance class. I was busy texting a friend while shopping for a bag and therefore unmindful of what was happening around me. Apparently, a middle-aged lady who was standing in front of the luggage section had been observing me. She approached me as I stopped in front of a row of bags. Of course, I was surprised, considering that I was not on my highest alert level then because I was a tad affected by my friend's problem (but that's another story) plus the fact that I was tired from dancing.

The woman told me she was with her family, but unfortunately they got separated somehow. She had looked all over the place but couldn't find them. She already had them paged, to no avail. Her mobile phone was with her son and since she saw me using my phone, she asked if I could please send them a message saying where she was.

Though the thought entered my mind that she might be a prankster or a member of some criminal syndicate, I still accommodated her, without asking any questions. I didn't wait for her to plead with me, I simply obliged.

So there I was, texting the message she was dictating: "*Nandito ako sa binilhan niyo ng* bag.–Cathy" And I hurriedly left after showing her that the message had been successfully sent.

Barely five minutes later, I got a text message presumably coming from her son. He wanted Cathy to meet them at a furniture store and identified himself as "Ike."

I thought, what the heck, I've already walked quite a distance and it's too much for them to expect that I would go back to relay the message to the woman. I couldn't even be sure if she was still there.

And yet I couldn't help thinking that it was possible they really needed my help. I may not be the nicest person in the world but I would definitely feel guilty if I didn't go back to give her her companion's reply. Her family hadn't heard her message on the paging system since they had gone to another store. She could end up waiting forever. What if she lived somewhere far? What if she was not feeling well and had to stand there for a long time? How would I feel if it was my mother who was caught in a similar fix and a stranger ignored her? What if... Yes, what if? It certainly was no time for speculation.

I dragged myself back to the luggage section, and saw Cathy there, patiently waiting. She rushed towards me the moment she saw me coming. I quickly relayed her son's reply. Her face lightened up and she thanked me sincerely.

I took off as fast I could, thinking that was the end of our odd encounter. But 15 minutes later, I received a new text message from Ike, asking if Cathy was still with me.

Sorry, I texted back, but I have already left the store.

After another 10 minutes passed and then I got another text message. It was Cathy saying: "Thank u *sa* txt *mo*, tenk u very much, GOD BLESS YOU!"

I was pleased to know that she was back together with her family. By then, I already knew her problem was for real. I felt happy for her. It never crossed my mind that I did somebody a favor, and a stranger at that. I just felt relieved that someone had gotten out of a fix.

Cathy had a follow-up message for me. It said: "If you also left ur cell like what happened 2 me, just txt me the # u want to send. *Naka*-save *naman # mo sa akin*. Tenx again."

I thanked her for making the offer. I thought, how nice it was of her to reach out to me. Most other people wouldn't have bothered to make the gesture. She must have been raised well, indeed.

But after reading her last message again, I felt a bit amused. If I forgot to bring my phone, how could I text her since her number was listed on the phonebook of my mobile phone? Impossible! But again, it's the thought that counted. She was grateful enough to offer help any which way she could. And I got it, loud and clear.

I was more surprised with her gesture than with what I had done for her. To me, what was more important was not that I was able to help someone but the lessons I learned from the experience. For one, I learned that contrary to what we have been told from the time we were this tall, it's not always dangerous to trust a stranger.

Maricris B. Alatraca, 27, is an AB Psychology graduate and now manages a family-owned business.

Fishers, pearls and Jewelmer

Human Face

Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

IN 1996, President Fidel Ramos issued Presidential Proclamation 905 recognizing the South Sea pearl as the Philippines' national gem. The local pearl industry, the proclamation noted, has produced the world's largest pearl known as the "Pearl of Allah" or the "Pearl of Lao Tze."

What's in a pearl? Plenty, especially if it is a South Sea pearl produced by Jewelmer International Corp., a Cojuangco-owned pearl farm in Palawan that will soon be the subject of a congressional inquiry.

Last Oct. 16, World Food Day, and in observance of Indigenous People's (IP) Month, Palawan IP from the Pala'wan and Molbog tribes rowed out to sea to exercise their right to fish in waters that used to be part of their ancestral fishing grounds. These areas occupied by Jewelmer, the IP said, have been off-limits to them for more than 20 years.

It all began in 1974, during the time of President Ferdinand Marcos. The fishermen became victims of a land swap between business magnate Eduardo Cojuangco and Marcos.

Last Saturday, more than 200 members of the Samahan ng mga Katutubo sa Dulo ng Timog Palawan (Sambilog), accompanied by Akbayan Party-list Rep. Risa Hontiveros-Baraquel and members of Task Force Bugsuk, who were trying to cross the Pandanan Channel, were blocked by the Philippine National Police led by the provincial director, Senior Supt. Rey Lanada, who came in a Jewelmer helicopter. Wow.

Our Southern Luzon correspondent Donna Virola was there to cover the encounter and she shared with me her report. Virola quoted Sambilog leader Panglima Rudy Calo as saying, "Our purpose is to fish again in our waters and pass through Pandanan Channel which is our shortcut to nearby islands."

I myself received text messages from the site. One said: "We were not able to enter the Pandanan Channel because of a heavy cable and boat barricade. PNP Prov. Director Lanada and a dozen uniformed officers acted as Jewelmer security guards. But most of the hundred fishers were able to fish in their traditional fishing grounds even for a couple of hours!!!" It added that Hontiveros-Baraquel plans to conduct a congressional inquiry. May it be soon.

I first wrote about the IP-Jewelmer case on Earth Day last April after the IP "intruded" into what used to be theirs: the 57,000 hectares of ancestral land and waters, much of which is occupied by Jewelmer. Sambilog was invoking the IP law and demanding a Certificate of Ancestral Domain Title (CADT) for the fishermen as well as a cease-and-desist order for Jewelmer.

In last Saturday's encounter, Art Palatino from the province's environmental office even brought a map to show to Lanada that Jewelmer has gone beyond its area of 4,597.19 hectares.

But this issue goes deeper than just the IP's right to fish or Jewelmer's right to produce pearls. Nobody is against pearls here. If you've ogled at those luscious pearls in Jewelmer stores and leafed through their expensive coffee-table book, you'd know why South Sea pearls are special. Go to their website (www.jewelmer.com) and you'd think you're reading about paradise and pearls and a hardy, deep sea-diving people called Badjao and a Frenchman named Jacques Brannelle who supposedly discovered the beautiful secret of the islands, the precious pearl oyster, the pinctada maxima. He then brought over the knowledge of perliculture from French Polynesia and partnered with the Cojuangcos. Great cinematic weaving and marketing.

I've visited Palawan four times but always for rugged coverage. I've never visited any of the great resorts there but one of these days I will. That is, if they will accept pesos. No *daw*?

The last time I was in Palawan was when I visited Culion, the former biggest leper colony in the world, now a regular municipality and trying to be in step with the rest of the world. I've seen a lot of floating boxes where pearl oysters grow. You could get shot if you went near, I was told.

Task Force Bugsuk which supports the displaced fishermen said it "is not against the propagation of the pearl industry in the country. We are only against the Jewelmer Pearl Farm and its displacing the IP from the ancestral domain, depriving them of their main sources of livelihood, discriminating against them for their ethnicity and denying them their basic right to self-determination."

Jewelmer, the task force said, "has illegally blocked off vital and traditional navigational routes (preventing) the passage of other maritime vessels except their own. It has prohibited marginalized and subsistence fisherfolk from the use of even the simple and harmless fishing methods such as the hook and line, within the waters it has allegedly leased from Balabac town, a clear violation of the alleged lease agreement."

Jewelmer has been allowed to operate within an environmentally critical area without an environmental compliance certificate (ECC) and clearance from the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development, which is a violation of the law. So far, Jewelmer has refused to dialogue with the affected groups, despite the urging of Presidential Task Force 63.

Jewelmer is not the only pearl farm in Palawan. Task Force Bugsuk says it has no issue with other pearl farms or with the entire pearl industry, but only with Jewelmer.

In its website, Jewelmer quotes, in English, the first stanza of Jose Rizal's "Mi Ultimo Adios," where the national hero speaks of the motherland as the "Pearl of the Orient." In the original Spanish: "*Perla del mar del oriente, Nuestro perdido eden.*" Our Eden lost. It can't get more poignant than that.

Ah, I would like to know how that translates in the language of the Pala'wan and the Molbog. Tell me, I beseech you.

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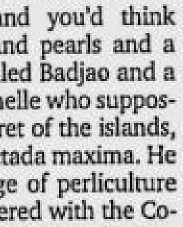
Remembering Ricarte



The Long View

Manuel L. Quezon III

LAST Tuesday, I had the privilege of participating in a symposium held at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines. The topic was the life and place in history of Gen. Artemio Ricarte.

Few people know that the government has published the memoirs of Ricarte, which includes his version of controversial events such as the Tejeros Convention. The memoirs are inexpensive, and institutions can ask for a free copy from the National Historical Institute.

There is, as well, a very well-written pamphlet about the general, written by one of his granddaughters, Ma. Luisa D. Fleetwood. The pamphlet is available at a nominal price also at the NHI, and if you are a teacher or a student, chances are you can get it free.

There are many interesting details in the pamphlet. For example, few know that Ricarte gave the large silk Philippine flag used during the inauguration of the Commonwealth of the Philippines. Ricarte's place of exile, Yokohama, was frequented by Filipinos of various political persuasions. He was held in high respect both for his revolutionary credentials and his single-minded dedication to the freedom of his country.

The end of his life was marked by growing unpopularity with his countrymen. However, he personally interceded for—and saved—many who were marked for execution by the Japanese.

Books such as his memoirs and the pamphlet written by his granddaughter help to put his life in proper perspective.

I myself was very happy to meet Mrs. Fleetwood and her sister. I had grown up hearing stories about Ricarte from my father: his restaurant, and the sort of pilgrimage Filipinos of an earlier generation made to see Ricarte and pay him their respect and help support the stubborn exile.

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I would like to reproduce an e-mail going around which was written by Carlos Celdran, one of the leading lights in the historical conservation movement. His letter speaks for itself:

"Ahem....CAN SOMEONE TELL ME WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON AT RIZAL PARK?

"As a frequent pedestrian and heavy user of Manila's public spaces, I was horrified to see last week that there is yet another strip mall being built right on the Luneta Park grounds. And where? On the Quirino Grandstand field no less. Yup. You better believe it. It's two stories tall and being constructed right in front of the Army Navy Club on South Drive. So close is the mall to the grandstand that if you were to take a picture of the grandstand from atop a building on Kalaw Street, the sparkly logo of some fast-food chain will now block the foreground of your picture. Not a very savory sight for the gardens surrounding the shrine of our National Hero Jose Rizal.

"SO WHO THE HELL IS IN CHARGE THERE AND WHAT THE HELL WAS HE THINKING? **As a knee-jerk reaction, I called the mayor of Manila—a natural suspect—and he claimed he isn't part of it. So it's got to be someone in the National Parks Development Committee, the Philippine Tourism Authority, or Department of Tourism who is in charge of adding yet another piece of clutter on an already cluttered open space. Nevertheless, the mayor should be accountable too.**

"And if any of the aforementioned agencies eventually get this letter, then good. Listen up, guys:

"There is enough space elsewhere and across the street to build a mall. You don't have to compromise the sight line of one of the Philippines' most famous sights. Its like building an SM atop the Banaue Terraces.

"And if it's just the revenue you are looking for, maybe if your agencies didn't blow so much cash on that hideous three-story plastic statue of Lapu Lapu, or on that crappy concrete platform over the breakwater, you'd have enough money to actually fix the fountains, replace the dead plants, and add security to one of the ugliest and most dangerous public parks in Asia (those black fences around the park do nothing if the criminals sleep inside). What an embarrassment for something that is advertised as a premier tourist attraction and centerpiece of our heritage.

"And it doesn't only stop there... The boulevard facing Intramuros is also cluttered with bad landscaping, bad art curatorship, and decaying leftovers from the Centennial celebration.

"(Note to Cory Aquino: I love your husband to bits and pieces but please move his statue elsewhere. Not only is his statue blocking the view of the Legaspi Monument. But you are also doing Ninoy a disservice by haphazardly plopping his image in a place where it is not properly appreciated.)

"So please pass this note till it gets to whoever is in charge of the Luneta Park, whether it be the DOT, the PTA, Manila City Hall, or Gloria herself.

"And once it gets to them, I only have these words to say, 'GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER.'

"Come up with a cohesive development plan for the Luneta and its environs soon. If not, Kilometer Zero and the Rizal Monument will only stand as the premier testament to the lack of vision and the emptiness of this supposedly Strong Republic's Agenda for Tourism.

"Don't kid yourself. Luneta sucks. Fix it and Fix it Well.

"There I said it. Now I promise not to complain about anything for another year."

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Comments welcome at www.quezon.ph

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO . . .?

Graft case vs Vizcaya mayor

THE TOWN of Alfonso Castañeda in Nueva Vizcaya, through Mayor Alfredo Castillo Jr., concluded two contracts for the construction of Lubub-Dibilit Road worth P2,471,260 and a "5-spun" gymnasium worth P1.5 million with Jerome Tan on May 11, 1999. The following day, Castillo issued a check worth P500,000 as down payment for the road project and another check worth P1,265,455 for the gymnasium. Another check worth P1,872,409.60 was issued for Lubub-Dibilit Road.

All checks, payable to Tan, were issued without the requisite certificate of acceptance and inspection report, and a certificate of completion and final acceptance. Because of this, the Commission on Audit filed a complaint against Castillo with the Deputy Ombudsman for Luzon Emilio Gonzalez. The COA also included in its complaint Castillo's approval of P1.3 million in cash advances to 11 municipal officials.

Ombudsman Aniano Desierto approved the filing of three graft cases against the mayor for violation of the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act for the construction of the Lubub-Dibilit road and the gymnasium, and the cash advances made to the council members. The cases were filed with the Sandiganbayan on June 20, 2000 and assigned to the Second Division.

The Sandiganbayan issued a warrant for Castillo's arrest on June 28, 2001. Six days later, he surrendered to Edgardo Urieta, chief of the Sandiganbayan's Security and Sheriff Services, but he was released after posting bail for P30,000.

Castillo filed a motion for reconsideration and reinvestigation with the Office of the Ombudsman. He maintained that there was no ghost project to speak of since the cash advances were given only when the equipment, personnel and construction crew were already on site. The money given to the council members, he said, were loans to be paid out in installment through salary deductions.

Case status: Since March 2003, the arraignment and pre-trial have not pushed through. Various reasons were given for the postponement of these processes, including lack of quorum, previous appointment of the prosecutor, and absence or tardiness. The arraignment and pre-trial have been reset to Nov. 24 and 25, 2004, respectively. *D.J. Yap, PDI Research*

Elite control root cause of poverty

LETTERS PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

HEALTH Secretary Manuel Dayrit is correct in saying that the economy, not overpopulation, is the main cause of deepening and widening poverty, victimizing 80 percent of Filipinos today. But he neglected to stress that the main cause is the government's mismanagement and decontrol of the economy—specifically the monopoly of the country's wealth by a very few rich Filipinos in cahoots with multinational corporations.

The Philippines is gifted with a rich bounty, more than enough to sustain the growing population. As many studies have shown, after Africa we have the biggest reserve of gold, from which unfortunately foreign firms profit greatly, leaving our own industry in the same backward state.

We have fertile fields and lush forests that are affluent sources of food and raw materials, but these have been drastically altered to produce crops and raw materials for export, leaving our people deprived of the yields of our own land. Along with this comes the flooding of our markets with imported goods, leaving the local industry, from which our small entrepreneurs and businessmen heavily rely upon, unprotected from foreign competition, thus defeated in their own turf.

Our rivers and other water systems are powerful sources of energy, but they are instead capitalized for onerous power contracts, from which high-ranking government leaders get huge kickbacks to fatten their bank accounts.

With our massive and potent labor force and natural wealth, we are supposedly competent enough to run our own economy and advance our technology for industrial growth.

Hence, with the bountiful natural resources, population is not a factor in the worsening fiscal crisis and widespread poverty, contrary to what Sen. Juan Flavier would have us believe. In fact, it is the people's lives and limbs (e.g., overseas Filipino workers) that the government capitalizes on to generate the revenues to cover its chronic deficit and overspending. Blaming the growing population for our poverty diverts the issue from the real evils leading us to a financial crisis.

As long as the triangular structure of the Philippine society—with the ruling one percent elite at the apex and the 99 percent ailing masses at the bottom exists—no population control, no *"lugaw"* giveaways or food coupons, not even President Macapagal-Arroyo's 10-point program and eight tax measures will alleviate the people's suffering in the hands of poverty.

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Unusual silence all around

THE COVER-UP is obvious and the fingerprints of Malacañang and the AFP brass are all over. Generals are going abroad presumably to secure their stash. Our soldiers feel frustrated, betrayed and demoralized. I don't understand why the Makati Business Club, the civil society and even the Church, which were very vocal during President Estrada's short stint, have been very silent.

While a corrupt general stayed in a suite room of a private hospital, countless Filipinos were dying needlessly in government hospitals due to lack of medicines caused by lack of funds being stolen left and right. Truly this latest scandal involves people in the highest office of the land and the general must be kept silent at all cost.

The presidential spokesperson is becoming like the former Iraqi information minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf whom we saw regularly on CNN, giving press conferences to foreign journalists until the fall of Baghdad, dishing out ridiculous information which was the opposite of what was really happening. Ignacio Bunye should stop blaming the opposition for destabilizing the country. The fact is, by telling our soldiers false propaganda—that everything is being done to bring to justice corrupt generals, when in fact he is doing everything to hide their soiled hands—he is causing the destabilization tremors to grow stronger. Our soldiers refuse to believe him anymore. I don't listen to this guy anymore.

Government and military officials alike are becoming so brazen and daring in their race to ransack the public coffers. The patience of the people has been stretched too thin. Something could erupt similar to Indonesia during the ouster of Suharto. I just hope it wont be as bloody.

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Setback for land reform

THE ISSUANCE last Sept. 27 by President Macapagal-Arroyo of Executive Order 364, merging the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), and the Presidential Commission on the Urban Poor (PCUP) into a "Department of Land Reform" is going to set back, rather than accelerate, the implementation of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program.

As it is, DAR is already faced with the gargantuan task of distributing the remaining 800,000-plus hectares of private agricultural lands—most of which are classified as "problematic" or "contentious" because of the strong resistance of their owners—by 2008, the deadline that has been set by Congress for the completion of the land distribution phase of the CARP (10 years past the program's original 1998 deadline). Over the past couple of years, the DAR has managed to distribute only a little over 100,000 hectares of private agricultural lands each year. This means that it will have to more than double this performance if it is to complete the distribution of all the remaining lands by 2008.

And yet, the President has added to its burden the documentation of ancestral domain claims and urban land reform, which are both in themselves already contentious undertakings.

Moreover, by merging the NCIP and PCUP with the DAR into the new Department of Land Reform, Ms Arroyo has also effectively limited the mandate of these two agencies to land concerns, forgetting that their original mandates are much broader. The NCIP, for instance, is supposed to also look after the indigenous peoples' educational, cultural, social and political rights, as enumerated in the Ipra. So is the PCUP with such rights of the urban poor, and not just their right to own land.

Finally, Malacañang seems to have forgotten that the NCIP was created by law (RA 8371) and, therefore, cannot be abolished (which it was, by merging it with the PCUP and DAR), except by an amending legislation, and not by presidential fiat (unless this is a prelude to legislation by presidential decree).

Does the merger of the NCIP with the DAR have anything to do with the government's desire to silence the opposers of the Mining Act, foremost of whom are the IPs themselves, as some quarters are beginning to suspect?

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Coupons promoting 'coping' mentality

THE FIRST time the "million number" was trivialized was when Erap promised to build one million homes for the poor. Today the number is further abused as government promises to issue one million food coupons for the hungriest of the hungry.

One million food coupons can alleviate the hunger of a million family recipients but for how long? The problem of hunger is not seasonal; it's not like seasons of advent and Christmas which come and go. No, our hunger is systemic and structural. We are hungry because the government has neglected the agricultural sector. Farmers and farmlands have not been given priority attention. Globalization has dictated on our priorities. Instead of intensifying food productivity and security, government officials entered into accords allowing foreign goods to flood our domestic markets. Remember who among our so-called leaders signed the international agreement committing us to liberalize everything, which of course primarily involved agricultural products.

We are hungry because we are not planting enough to feed ourselves. We are hungry because a part of the little that we plant is even exported to choice foreign markets where the demands for certain Philippine agricultural products are high. We are hungry because prime agricultural lands are rapidly being converted into subdivisions, memorial parks, golf courses, theme parks, resorts, industrial parks, and, worst of all, open pit mines. Because such endeavors make easy and quick money. For whom? For the big capitalists.

The distribution of food coupons misses the point. Hunger is not alleviated by merely feeding the hungry. To solve the problem of hunger, one must ask the hard question of why hunger exists. It's the same thing with the fiscal crisis. Hunger exists because of the government's skewed set of priorities. The government has been promoting the "buy now plant later" policy. This clearly must now come to an end. Distributing coupons clearly promotes a similarly inappropriate response—a "coping now" policy. Why don't we stop coping and start learning to respond meaningfully, realistically and adequately to our problems?

Food productivity, sufficiency and security are key to solving our food crisis and the problem of hunger. This is also key to understanding the need for deep systemic and structural transformation in government.

Let us stop wasting time on short-term, myopic, stop-gap and "coping" measures to confront life and death problems.

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Yongco slay suspect known to solon

THE MAN who was presented yesterday as a suspect in the killing of Cebu prosecutor Arbet Sta. Ana-Yongco said he received advice from Rep. Glenda Ecleo to proceed to Cebu to face the charge against him.

Michael Favila, a member of the Philippine Benevolent Missionaries Association (PBMA), told reporters in Cebu that he turned himself in first to the National Bureau of Investigation in Puerto Princesa to clear his name and ask for a certification that he had nothing to do with Yongco's murder.

He didn't get the certification and he proceeded to Roxas town where he was arrested by the NBI on Oct. 19.

He was brought to Manila yesterday where he was presented to reporters by Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez.

He told reporters that it was upon the advice of Representative Ecleo that he went to Cebu because it was where he faced the charge of killing Yongco.

Favila said he talked with Representative Ecleo over the cellular phone shortly after NBI agents brought him to Manila to be presented by Gonzalez.

NBI officials said Favila was positively identified from file photos as the gunman in the killing of Yongco by four witnesses.

Onos Mangotara, NBI Puerto Princesa district office chief, said Favila travelled from his hometown of Cagayancillo, where many members of the PBMA, headed by Ecleo Jr., lived.

Orlando Salatandre Jr., Favila's and a PBMA lawyer, said his client was not involved in Yongco's murder.

He said he would present witnesses who would testify that Favila was in Palawan when Yongco was gunned down in her home in Barangay Zapatera on Oct. 11.

Height difference

In Cebu, Favila said in a press conference he could not ,possibly be involved in the killing because while witnesses described the gunman as 5'7" tall, his height was just 5'2".

Favila took an 18-hour trip by boat from his hometown Cagayancillo to reach Puerto Princesa City and ask the NBI to certify that he had nothing to do with the murder.

Favila left without certification for Roxas town, where he said he attended to other matters and where he was arrested by NBI agents.

It is common knowledge in Palawan that the Favilas are from Cagayancillo.

Mangotara said in a report submitted to the NBI in Manila that four witnesses, including a 10-year-old girl, identified Favila from file photos as the man who shot Yongco.

One of the photos was taken when Favila was arrested for illegal possession of firearms in Cebu on July 14.

PR presentation

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez presented Favila to reporters in Manila.

Gonzalez said Favila surrendered after murder charges were filed against him for the Yongco killing.

"I have informed the President about this," Gonzalez said.

Earlier, Gonzalez said President Macapagal-Arroyo was piqued at the way the NBI Cebu handled the Yongco case and sought the relief of its head, Reynaldo Esmeralda.

Esmeralda was fired by Gonzalez following the President's order.

Gonzalez said authorities are now investigating who Favila's possible accomplices are in the murder.

Yongco was prosecuting Ruben Ecleo Jr., head of the PBMA and Representative Ecleo's son, for parricide for the killing of his wife Alona Bacolod.

Gonzalez said Salatandre approached him last week and inquired about his client's possible surrender.

Assumption

In a phone interview, Gonzalez said he assumed that when Salatandre was in his office, the lawyer talked with Surigao del Norte Rep. Glenda Ecleo, Ruben Ecleo's mother, over the cellular phone about Favila's arrest.

Asked if the Ecleos were supporting Favila, Gonzalez said he did not know.

But he said he expected Favila's denial because "I don't think anybody would admit guilt."

Salatandre had asked for the transfer of the hearing of the case to Manila saying he feared for the safety of Ecleo because Cebuanos were hostile to him.

Jofelle Tesorio, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau and Jhunnex Napallacan with reports from Philip Tubeza and Leila Salaverria

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350 docs shift to nurses' jobs

By Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes
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URDANETA CITY—Times must really be hard when as many as 350 doctors from Pangasinan and its nearby provinces are studying to become nurses in a small, government-run college here.

Mayor Amadeo Perez Jr. said at least 350 doctors, some of whom work as municipal health officers, are enrolled at the City Colleges of Urdaneta.

Perez said the doctors comprise more than 10 percent of the 3,000 nursing students of the city government-run school. The CCU has 6,200 students.

The college will graduate its first batch of doctors taking up nursing this March, the mayor said.

A recent study by the National Institutes of Health said the Philippines is the world's top

Records from the countries of destination showed that at least 50,000 nurses have left the Philippines over the last three years. A number of them are doctors who studied nursing so they could leave the country to earn more than what they were earning here.

It was actually the nursing course that lured many students to the CCU, which only has about 4,000 students three years ago, said Perez, the chair of the college's board of trustees.

Easy way to US

"Maybe the doctors want to seek greener pastures because being a nurse is the easiest way to enter the United States. Perhaps when they are there, they can work out something so they can practice their medical profession," he said.

Perez said the doctors now studying at CCU are from Pangasinan, La Union, Nueva Ecija and Tarlac.

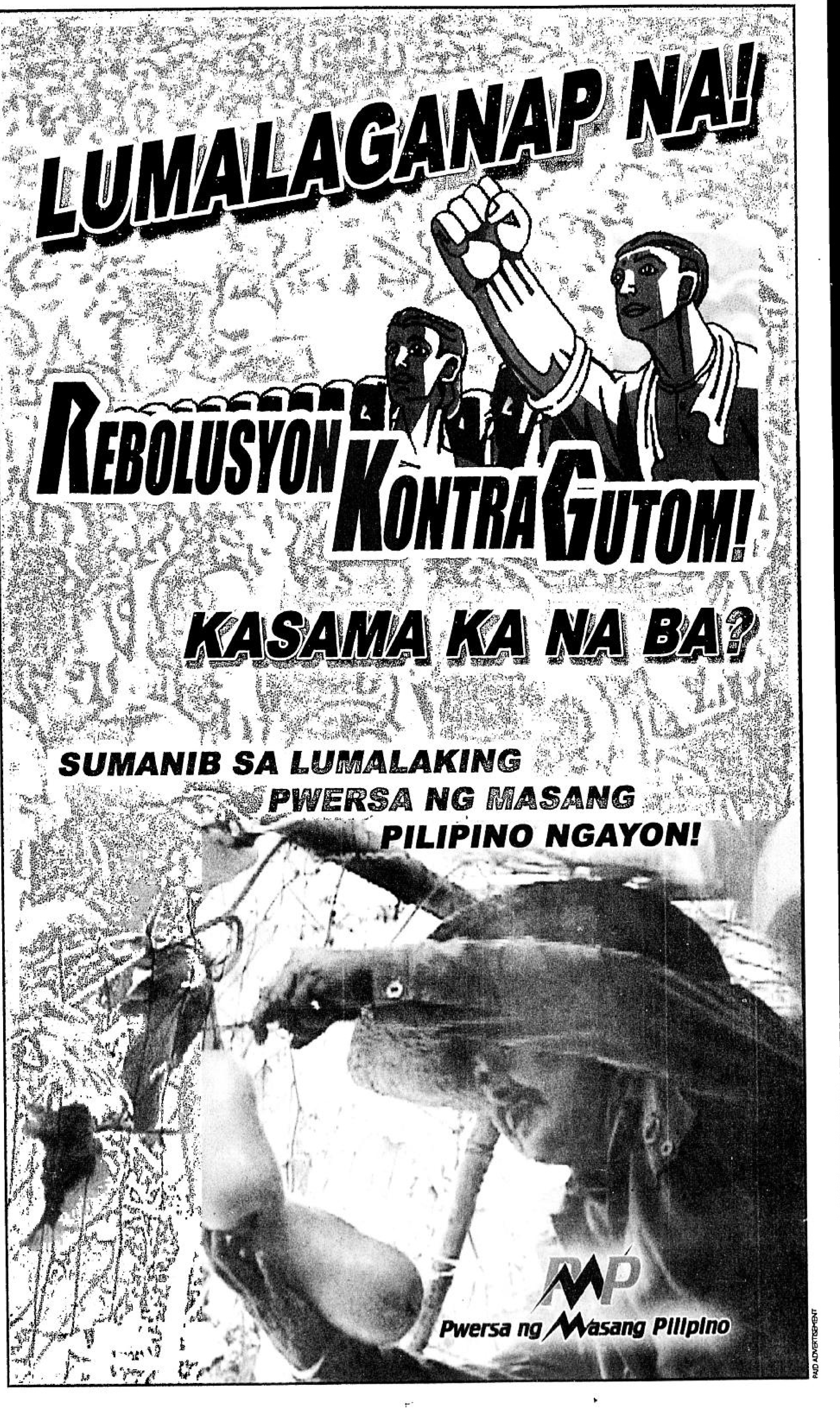
He said these professionals were attracted to the CCU probably because of "our quality instruction, high passing rate in the board exams and the low school fees that attract students to our college."

Perez, however, admitted that the college's facilities are "not as good" as those in big universities.

Next school year, he said, the CCU can no longer admit medical students because of a memorandum-circular issued by the Department of Education asking small government-owned colleges and universities not to accept students who are already degree holders.

The CCU was opened in 1966 as the Urdaneta Community College. It had 150 students then.

Now, the school offers undergraduate degrees in nursing, education and commerce and masteral degree in education.



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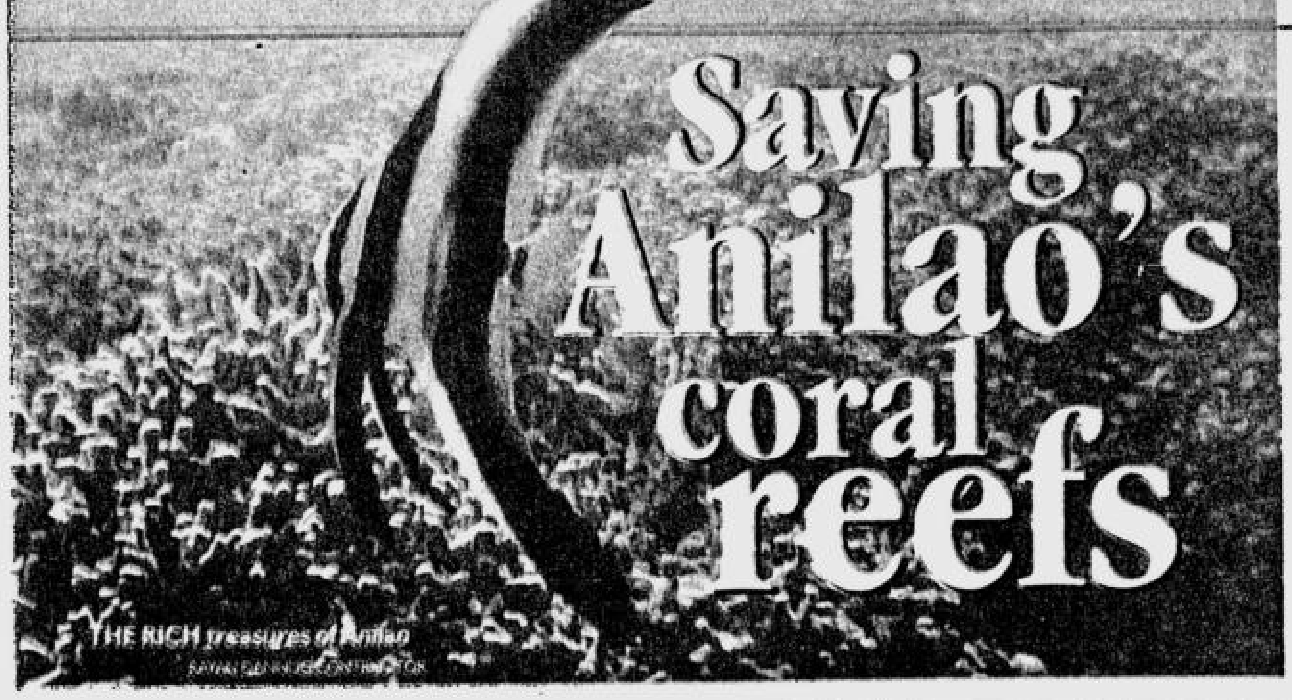
Saving Anilao's coral reefs



THE RICH treasures of Anilao

By Marlon Ramos
Mabini, Batangas

DESPITE having been in the area for almost 25 years now, Romy Trono, a scuba diver and dive instructor, continues to be amazed at the rich marine life in the waters of Anilao and the Verde Passage in Mabini, Batangas.

But recent news on the sudden rise of illegal fishing activities in the area have troubled Trono and environmentalists like him.

He said the reported incidents of dynamite and cyanide fishing have destroyed a considerable part of coral reefs in the Anilao and Verde Passage.

Trono, executive director of Conservation International (CI), has loved Anilao since his college days. He said its underwater scenery is stunning.

"This is a spectacular place for scuba diving. It's the most beautiful dive site nearest Manila. And if you want to see reef fishes and live corals, this is definitely the place for you," he said.

Trono's attachment to the place grew after he read a scientific article prepared last month by American fish taxonomist Kent Carpenter and scientist Victor Springer, which detailed the biodiversity of Verde Passage.

The two researchers said the sea channel that covers Batangas Bay, Anilao, Tingloy Island, Verde Island and the northern part of Mindoro has over 60 percent of the 2,983 species found in seawaters around the world.

"That study identified part of Verde Passage, which is some 10 square kilometers, as the center of the global marine biodiversity," Trono said.

After learning about the illegal fishing, Trono immediately asked his friends from the Rotary Club of Makati-Salcedo to help safeguard the municipal waters of Mabini and the island-municipality of Tingloy south of Batangas.

Meeting

With Trono's initiatives, officers of the Rotary Club met with Tingloy Mayor Antonio Atienza and members of the local Bantay Dagat last Sept. 22 in Makati.

During the meeting, Atienza raised his concern about the renewed activities of operators of small and large commercial fishing vessels that are engaged in destructive fishing.

Atienza admitted that his town, a fifth-class municipality, could not afford the expenses to patrol the entire seawater surrounding Tingloy.

He said the incidence of illegal fishing in Mabini and Tingloy increased after a marine ecosystem preservation project of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) in their area ended in July.

Atienza also disclosed that the two boats that Bantay Dagat members had been using in patrolling the locality needed repairs. The WWF used to fund the maintenance of the two boats, he said.

"That is where we thought our group could be of help," Ed Dannug, Rotary Club of Makati-Salcedo president, said.

Dannug said the group approved the project as part of its centenary celebration.

The Rotary Club also forged an agreement with the local government of Tingloy for the boat maintenance.

On Oct. 2, the club handed the money to Mercado de Guzman, head of the Bantay Dagat, to start the repair of the patrol vessels.

On Oct. 16, Rotary members went to Tingloy and joined several residents and local government officials witness the boats go sail ing again.

Mooring buoys

The Rotary Club has also financed the setting up of around 20 mooring buoys in the area since 2000 to prevent the destruction of coral reefs.

Last year, the group put up fish shelters to propagate corals around the area.

De Guzman, who is also a town councilor, said the repair of the boats was a shot in the arm in the operations of the Bantay Dagat.

In the past, fishermen practicing dynamite fishing and other forms of destructive fishing fled because they had no boats to use in running after the culprits, he said.

Some operators also issued cellular phones to their crew so that they can warn them whenever the Bantay Dagat personnel went after them.

"They could easily send text messages to their people and inform them that we were coming. This made our job even harder," De Guzman said.

He added that the meager P100-a-day allowance that each of the Bantay Dagat members receives does not compensate for the risk they face in their job.

De Guzman blamed some local politicians who continued to tolerate illegal fishing. He said some barangay officials coddle operators of destructive fishing.

He said the residents had come to realize the ill effects of illegal fishing after nongovernment groups taught them to veer away from illegal fishing.

He, however, said the project was not that easy to sustain. He said they needed P26,000 to cover monthly expenses.

"We need help from other groups to keep the project going. We are now actually negotiating for a sisterhood agreement with Rotary Clubs from Japan and Taiwan. We could source funds from them and put here to expand more into community service," he said.

Dannug said they also intended to build an ice plant where fishermen could put their excess yield, and to help introduce cottage industries and other livelihood activities to residents as part of their coastal resource management program.

But for Trono, the enforçement of environmental laws is far more important than monitoring.

Those who would like to help may visit the Rotary Club, 7th floor, Erechem Building, Salcedo corner Rufino Streets, Makati City or contact Vanessa at 8107977 or Ed Dannug at 8966247.

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Pinatubo house settlers told: Stay, but pay

MABALACAT, Pampan[illegible] Some 18,000 illegal se[illegible] in [illegible] Mt. Pinatubo rese[illegible]ent sites in Pampanga, Tarl[illegible] and Zambales would have to start paying the government for their houses, Vice President Noli de Castro said.

De Castro, the concurrent chair of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council, clarified that these settlers, although not qualified to stay at the resettlement sites, would not be ordered to vacate their houses.

"They will be regularized, but they will have to pay," De Castro said during an Ugnayang Bayan forum at the Madapdap Parish Compound here on Wednesday.

Asked how much the illegal settlers would have to pay, De Castro said the amount was "not so much."

He said this approach was in line with the Arroyo administration's housing program for the "poorest among the poor."

Titles

De Castro distributed 1,000 land titles to legitimate settlers here, increasing to 7,000 the total titles distributed by the government since 2002. This is barely a fourth of the 49,000 titles that the government had expected to distribute.

Flor Arrozal, officer-in-charge of the HUDCC's Pinatubo Project Management Office, said the illegal occupants bought the units from the principal owners.

She said the government would condone the obligations of settlers confirmed to be legitimate victims of the Mt. Pinatubo eruptions.

The Arroyo administration has given the houses and lots for free. It junked the usufruct policy under which the settlers paid for the use, not for the ownership, of houses and lots.

To hasten the distribution of land titles, Arrozal said De Castro would ask Congress to declare as alienable and disposable the lands on which at least three resettlements now stand. These are in Floridablanca in Pampanga, Balaybay in Zambales, and O'Donnel in Tarlac, where about 11,000 families were transferred.

Two other lands—Pio in Porac and Pandacaqui in Mexico, both in Pampanga—have been donated but their titles have yet to be transferred to the government, Arrozal said.

Condonation

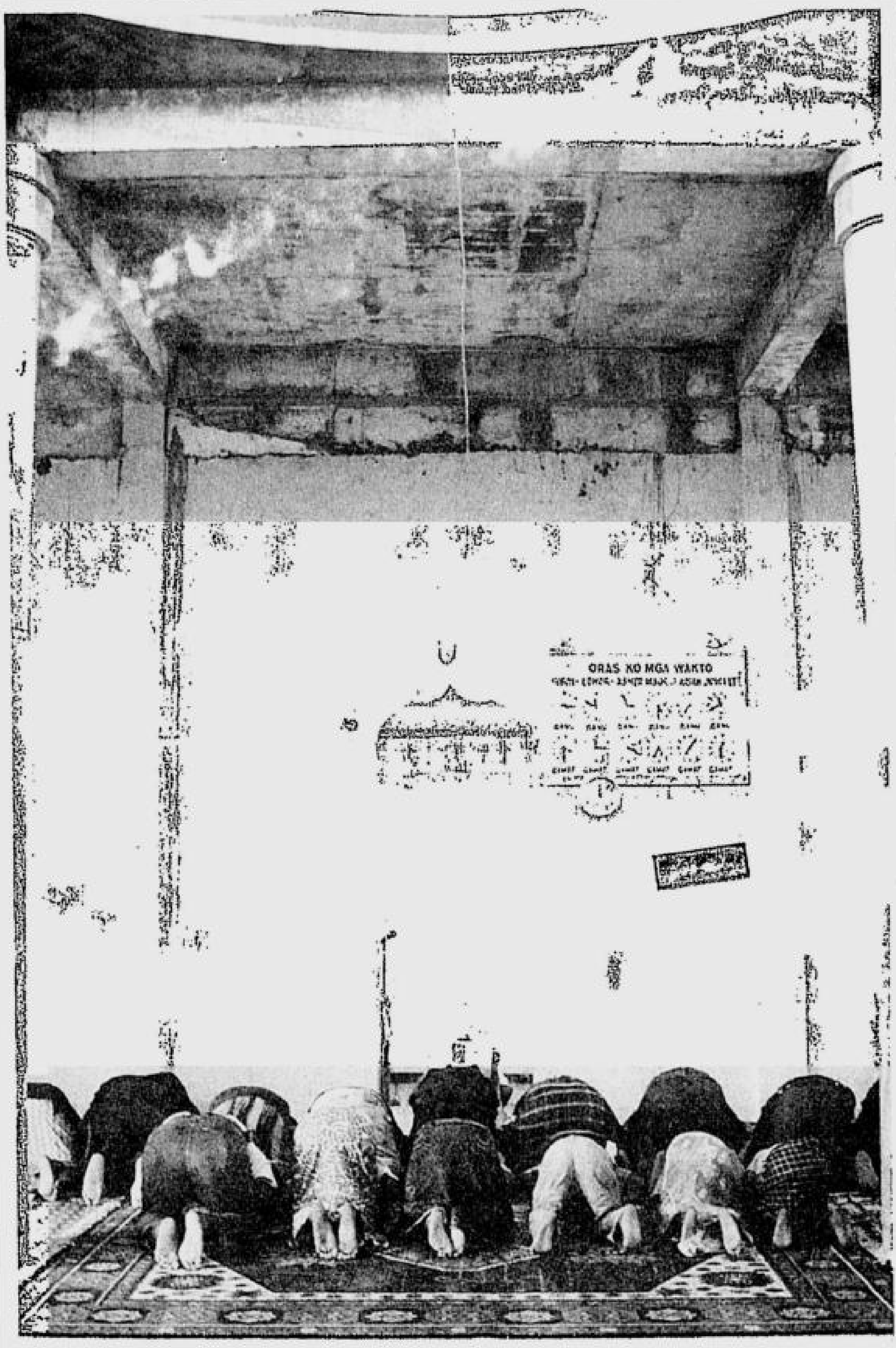
In the case of these lands, she said the HUDCC would ask the Pampanga provincial government to condone the payment of P6 million in real property taxes.

De Castro also told settlers that the distribution of land titles was being delayed by the lack of forms at the Register of Deeds.

He asked the beneficiaries not to sell, lease or rent out their units. These, he warned, were basis to cancel the titles.

Thousands have been displaced in Pampanga and Tarlac following the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo and the lahar flows that followed it.

The town of Bacolor was hardest hit as lahar flowed into it and all but wiped the town out. *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*



PRAYER
JOE GALVEZ/CONTRIBUTOR
Worshippers pray inside the Pagalungan mosque in Maguing, Lanao del Sur on the fifth day of the holy month of Ramadan. The town of Maguing boasts of a 100 percent Muslim population.

GMA wants Northrail to start Nov. 2

MABALACAT, Pampanga—President Macapagal-Arroyo wants the construction of the Northrail's Caloocan-Malolos line to start on Nov. 2, Vice President Noli de Castro said.

De Castro, concurrent chair of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council, assured that the agency has adopted an "in town/city" approach in the relocation of some 30,000 families whose houses were built on government lands occupied by the old Philippine National Railway tracks in Bulacan and Pampanga.

He said the same approach had been applied to affected families in Caloocan City.

A resettlement site has been identified for Malabon and Valenzuela City settlers but the development of the land, previously used as fishponds, was being delayed by the need to fill this with earth and raise its level.

The government, he said, was studying other locations because the earlier site, minus the development cost, was being sold at P3,000 per square meter.

Speaking in Filipino at the Ugnayang Bayan forum that he held here, he said the in city/town approach would help the settlers be nearer their jobs and work sites.

According to him, the HUDCC would coordinate the relocation program with the local governments.

De Castro said government would provide the lands for free. The settlers would also receive P50,000 for construction materials and P10,000 for labor.

De Castro justified the project by saying mass transportation was needed to decongest Metro Manila. *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

ROUNDUP

Robbery-holdup

LEGAZPI CITY—Two medical representatives of a Manila-based firm were held up and robbed last week while on board their service motorcycle in Barangay Mansalaya, Del Gallego, Camarines Sur. Police identified the victims as Gerry Matibag, of Barangay Poblacion, and Rey Garin of Barangay Sta. Cecilia, both of Tagkawayan, Quezon. The suspects fled with the victims' motorcycle, assorted medicines amounting to about P30,000, a Nokia 3310 cell phone, and Matibag's wallet containing P200 cash and ID cards.
Ronnie Lorejo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Suspected NPA nabbed

LEGAZPI CITY—Police led by Chief Insp. Gil Francis Tria arrested a suspected member of the New People's Army last week at a bus terminal in Barangay Gogon, Virac, Catanduanes. The suspect, Bobby A. Batalla alias "Ka Elmer," 31, of Sitio Banban, Barangay Mapulot, Tagkawayan, Quezon, was on board a passenger bus bound for Caramoran town when arrested. Tria said Batalla tried to escape, but was eventually overpowered.
Ronnie Lorejo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Hot logs reclaimed

LUCENA CITY—Unidentified suspects forcibly entered the compound of Kasibu Sawmill in Barangay Uno, Real, Quezon last Sunday and "reclaimed" at least three jeep loads of illegally cut logs earlier seized by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. A police report quoted Salvador Porras, sawmill caretaker, as saying that the unarmed men presented themselves as New People's Army rebels. One of them introduced himself as Rolly Sevilla and told Porras that the logs belonged to him and that he would just regain possession of them as they were illegally confiscated. But Fred Ocampo, DENR community environment and natural resources officer, denied the allegation. He said his office has issued a "seizure receipt" for the confiscated timber. Police launched a manhunt for the suspects.
Delfin Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

R. Palmares Sr.; 76

ILOILO CITY—One of the last grand old men of the Nacionalista Party died Oct. 9 at his residence in Magsaysay Village, La Paz District this city. Rafael "Nono" Palmares Sr., also a two-term Iloilo governor, died of renal failure brought about by diabetes, according to his wife Lourdes. He was 76. Palmares was NP president from 1984 to 1987. Palmares was buried at the Passi City Cemetery on Oct. 16. *Hazel Villa, PDI Visayas Bureau*

Sexagenarian kills self

BACOLOD CITY—A sexagenarian accused of molesting a minor killed himself on Oct. 10 inside the police jail in Pontevedra, Negros Occidental. Senior Insp. Argel Ancheta, Pontevedra police chief, said Diosdado Vellera, 68, tied a rope to his double-deck bed and hanged himself. He said Vellera bribed his co-inmate with food so he would sleep and so that there would be no hindrance to Vallera's plan to kill himself. Vellera was accused of molesting a 12-year-old girl in Barangay Don Salvador Benedicto, Pontevedra in June. The inmate appeared to be disturbed because his children had not visited him, said Ancheta.
Carla Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau

Fears over security threaten collapse of USAID projects in Sulu

ZAMBOANGA CITY—A private group funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) said it might abandon its projects in Sulu unless the security of its contractors and personnel was assured.

Carlos Tan, deputy program manager for infrastructure of the Growth with Equity in Mindanao (GEM), said armed groups operating in the island-province have been threatening to harm their contractors and personnel.

He said the armed groups, which he did not identify except for saying "they are notorious in kidnapping and beheadings," have been demanding money from their contractors.

"They said they need donations. (They were) asking for certain amounts and some military paraphernalia," Tan said.

He said the armed groups warned GEM contractors and personnel that if their demands were not heeded, "something wrong will happen to us or to our contractors."

Tan said they already sought the help of local government officials and even the military.

"We asked them to provide us some advises on how to appropriately handle situations like these and we also demanded for an investigation," Tan said.

He said the military agreed to secure the contractors, who are building roads and various projects in the poverty-stricken province.

"GEM's policy is no to extortion, no fraud, favoritism or giving ransom or bribes to any group or individuals," Tan said.

He said GEM would rather withdraw from areas considered as dangerous than yield to demands from unscrupulous groups or individuals.

Tan cited a GEM experience in Central Mindanao where some projects had to be cancelled because of uncertainty about the security of its contractors and workers.

"What we are doing is providing opportunities to people by delivering certain infrastructure projects. To improve the village or community's livelihood program and other socio-economic activities, all we need from them (officials) is to ensure that nothing will happen to our people delivering the needed projects," he told the INQUIRER. *Julie Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Trader held for questioning on Surigao radioman's killing

TANDAG, Surigao del Sur—A prominent businessman here was invited for questioning by police in connection with Tuesday's murder of broadcaster Eldy Sablas.

Ali Dida-agon, a storeowner at the Moonglow Public Market, was released after an hour of interrogation according to police chief Insp. Amil Bakil.

Bakil said they found no evidence to pin down Dida-agon, who showed up at the police station around noon Tuesday, in the Sablas slay case.

He said police invited Dida-agon because of his perceived grudge against Sablas.

Documents gathered by the INQUIRER showed that the 30-year-old Sablas had pawned his Honda motorcycle for P38,000 to Dida-agon.

It was later learned that the motorcycle, which Sablas used as collateral, was mortgaged from Eduhome, a local finance company and has an unpaid balance of P86,000.

Reports said when Eduhome was about to repossess the motorcycle because of the overdue amortization, Dida-agon allegedly instructed one of his sons to bring the motorcycle to Marawi City. This reportedly caused a rift between the trader and Sablas.

Bakil said despite these reports, police could not establish any link between the Sablas murder and Dida-agon.

He said another angle the police were looking at is vendetta.

Bakil said drug traffickers and gambling operators could be angry at Sablas when he named and lambasted them in the program "Singgit sa mga Lungsuranon (Cry of the people)", which he cohosted with Gilcon Bandoy.

He said they would also consider reports that Sablas created enemies because of his alleged swindling activities.

Gov. Vicente Pimentel Jr. said he castigated the radioman on Monday because several people had told him that Sablas had victimized them by dropping the governor's name.

Speaking to the INQUIRER by phone, Pimentel said Sablas projected himself as a clean guy when he was allegedly doing otherwise.

Journalist organizations said that unless proven otherwise, they consider the Sablas murder as work-related.

The National Union of Journalist in the Philippines-Cagayan de Oro chapter said the killings of journalists, who are the watchdog of the state, "have unmasked this country's undemocratic and fascist character."

"In a democracy, killing journalists should not be the answer by the people who are criticized by the media for their wrongdoings," the NUJP-Cagayan de Oro said in a statement. *Bert Pacate with a report from Allan Nawal, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

VILLAGE CONVENTION
PHOTO FROM LIGA
Officials of the Liga ng mga Barangay in Bulacan meet with Local Government Secretary Angelo Reyes during the national convention of village officials recently. Among the concerns they raised was the possible reduction of the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA).

2 C. Luzon flood control projects get ₱35M in funds

THE DEPARTMENT of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) received P35 million for the rehabilitation of two flood control projects in Central Luzon.

President Macapagal-Arroyo ordered the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) to facilitate the release of P15 million to fund protection works in the Colibangbang Dike Section in Paniqui, Tarlac and P20 million for the rehabilitation of the Arnedo Dike in Pampanga.

In a press statement, the DPWH said it has committed the fast-tracking of the two projects.

During a recent meeting between President Arroyo and the National Economic and Development Authority (Neda) Cabinet Group at the Clark Special Economic Zone in Angeles City, priority projects were identified to address flooding in Central Luzon.

Ms Arroyo and the Cabinet noted the urgent need to augment local funding for priority flood control projects.

The DPWH is part of the Neda Cabinet Group, one of three Cabinet groups formed by the President to enable the government to address major concerns in implementing the administration's 10-point agenda.

Earlier, Public Works Secretary Florante Soriquez directed Central Luzon director Ramon Aquino to prepare the budget cost requirements for the proposed rehabilitation of the Arnedo Dike, including other flood control structures.

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Charge Garcia with plunder, lawmakers urged

By Carlito Pablo

GO FOR the jugular and charge Maj. Gen. Carlos Garcia with plunder.

This, according to lawmakers from both the administration and the opposition, is what the Office of the Ombudsman should do to compel the two-star general to disclose his supposed accomplices in the Armed Forces.

Rep. Prospero Pichay Jr. (Lakas, Surigao del Sur) yesterday said there was prima facie evidence to warrant the filing of plunder charges. He said the documents provided by US authorities as well as the initial results of the Ombudsman's inquiry indicated that Garcia had amassed funds more than the P50-million benchmark set for such cases.

Charges too light

"General Garcia's list of unexplained wealth is testimony enough," said Pichay, co-chair of the powerful Commission on Appointments.

House Minority Leader Rep. Francis Escudero (NPC, Sorsogon) said the charges for which the Ombudsman was investigating Garcia, like perjury and dishonesty, were too light.

"[He] is keeping quiet perhaps because he thinks he'll get it easy," Escudero said.

But the lawmaker pointed out that being charged with a capital offense like plunder was another thing: "What if Garcia suddenly says, 'The money is not mine alone'?"

Rep. Darlene Antonino-Custodio (NPC, South Cotabato) said the full force of the law should be applied against Garcia.

"We have landed a big fish, and he must now fry," she said.

Rep. Ernesto Gidaya (Veterans Freedom Party), a retired general, said Garcia knew more than he was letting on.

Don't rush

Rep. Imee Marcos (KBL, Ilocos Norte) said Garcia's assets could "speak for themselves."

"Hidden assets fall under the purview of plunder or, at the very least, violation of the antigraft law," said the eldest daughter of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos.

But Assistant Ombudsman Ernesto Nocos, who serves as a spokesperson of the antigraft office, said it should not be made to "rush" Garcia's case.

"We are a quasi-judicial body. They cannot tell us what to do," Nocos said of the lawmakers.

"We have to be careful in going over the evidence," he said. "The evidence should be sufficient to support any case filed against public officials."

Besides, he said, building a case took time.

Nocos, however, promised that there would be no whitewash in Garcia's case.

But he added: "Just like in any other case, we decide on the basis of evidence and the facts of the case. There must be legal basis for whatever legal action to be taken by the Ombudsman.

"That's how the justice system works."

Wife and sons

The House committees on national defense and on banks are not about to let Garcia off easily under the cover of his right against self-incrimination.

Rep. Roilo Golez (Kampi, Parañaque), chair of the committee on national defense, said it would summon Garcia's wife, Clarita Depakakibo-Garcia, and two of his sons, Ian Carl and Juan Paolo, "at the proper time."

Garcia had earlier requested the two committees to spare his family from the ongoing investigation.

But Golez said yesterday: "Maybe he should have thought of that from the start. He should have been the one to spare them from getting involved in this thing."

The two Garcia sons were held by US customs authorities last Dec. 19 for failure to declare that they were carrying $100,000.

In an effort to get back the money, their mother submitted a formal statement saying her family was wealthy because her husband, then comptroller of the AFP, was receiving "gratitude money" from military suppliers and contractors.

On Jan. 12, 2004, Garcia himself wrote the US Fines, Penalties and Forfeiture Office, saying he had "requested" his sons "to bring along the money."

At the House hearing on Tuesday, Garcia was cornered into admitting the contents of the letter.

Golez said Clarita Garcia, an American citizen, was reportedly in the United States.

"If [Garcia's wife and two sons] are here, we can compel them [to appear before the House]," he said.

State witness

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. (PDP-Laban) said that should Garcia decide to tell all, the opposition bloc in the chamber would be willing to recommend him as a state witness.

But if the general continues to invoke his right against self-incrimination, he should shut up forever but prepare to face the full wrath of the law, the senator said.

Pimentel said the proposal of Sen. Edgardo Angara to make Garcia a state witness in the investigation of corruption in the military should be "seriously considered."

But such a proposal can be pursued "only if there is a clear showing that he was not alone but conspired with other personalities, particularly other AFP officials, in perpetrating anomalous deals in the military," Pimentel said.

GMA orders Garcia court-martial right away

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the military trial. Abaya and Abu were both present at the Cabinet meeting on Tuesday.

Gonzalez said the membership of the court-martial would soon be announced "to show the public that there's transparency in this case."

It is the AFP chief of staff who orders the constitution of the court-martial, to be made up of five to seven generals.

Gonzalez said he also suggested during the Cabinet meeting that the Judge Advocate General's Office hasten its preliminary investigation of Garcia for violating the Articles of War.

"A violation of the Articles of War for conduct unbecoming an officer covers everything—from having a girlfriend to corruption," Gonzalez said.

Parallel probes

Bunye said the President's order did not mean that she wanted the House to stop its hearings, where Garcia first invoked his right against self-incrimination and refused to answer the lawmakers' questions.

"No, she's not saying that," Bunye said at a press briefing. "As a matter of fact, we respect the prerogative of both Houses of Congress to conduct their own [inquiries], but the President also wants a parallel investigation by the military court so that the military would be a participant in the cleansing process of the [AFP]."

Bunye said the military trial, the Ombudsman investigation and the House hearings could proceed hand in hand because the three institutions had varying objectives.

"In the case of the legislature, the objective is in aid of legislation," he said. "In the case of the Ombudsman and eventually the Sandiganbayan as well as the court-martial, the objective is to eventually penalize those who are found guilty, and this will be done by imposing criminal and administrative sanctions."

Bunye also said it was important to the President that "this cleansing process" be witnessed by the people.

"We can assure the public that this will be done with full transparency ... In the case of the military tribunal, the President is the commander in chief of the AFP, and she can in fact order an open hearing," Bunye said.

He said that if the Ombudsman eventually filed graft charges against Garcia in the Sandiganbayan, it would be up to the latter to decide whether to open the hearings to the public.

Truth commission

Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr. has taken up Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile's earlier call that an independent body be formed to look into Garcia's unexplained wealth and the alleged corruption in the military.

Magsaysay, vice chair of the Senate committee on national defense, urged Ms Arroyo to get involved in putting up a "truth commission" to conduct the inquiry.

"This will provide a fair venue for those who want to help the government weed out misfits while also shielding witnesses against possible threats that may arise from their exposés," he said in a statement.

Garcia "has to account for a lot of issues," including informing the proper court of the involvement of other officials in the AFP "corruption web," Magsaysay said.

But neither Senate President Franklin Drilon nor Defense Secretary Avelino Cruz is sold on the idea.

Drilon pointed out to reporters the ongoing investigations in the House, the AFP and the Office of the Ombudsman.

He said that these investigations should be allowed to continue "to avoid duplication," and that there was no need for the Senate to even conduct a separate probe.

Cruz, who was at the Senate yesterday to confer with Drilon on preparations for the holding here of the Inter-Parliamentary Union congress next year, appeared to be firmly against the proposal to form an independent body to look into Garcia's case.

"The disciplinary process in the AFP is working, and we will make it work," was his terse reply to reporters who asked him to comment on the matter.

No whitewash, witch-hunt

Cruz said the AFP had started its pre-trial investigation and would pursue the case against Garcia "in accordance with the Articles of War and the court-martial proceedings."

"There will be no whitewash, no witch-hunt, no sacred cows, no sacrificial lambs," he said, adding that the guilty would be prosecuted and that the innocent had nothing to fear.

He also said the result of the pre-trial investigation would be reviewed by the judge advocate general, who would then make his recommendation to the AFP chief of staff.

Justice Secretary Gonzalez also said the court-martial would proceed at the same time that the Office of the Ombudsman was looking into Garcia's supposed criminal liability.

He said the AFP's initial reluctance to conduct the probe on Garcia was probably a result of the expectation that it was the Ombudsman that would do the investigation.

"[But] the two investigations can proceed at the same time," he said.

'How deep is it?'

Magsaysay, however, said he wanted the proposed truth commission to look into allegations of corruption not only in the military but in other government agencies as well.

"How deep is it? How wide is it? Is it endemic, systemic, or an isolated case? What's the real situation?" he told reporters.

Magsaysay also said the President should "show her tough leadership in order to arrest the mounting demoralization vis-á-vis graft and corruption in the [AFP] and probably other agencies of the government."

"The truth commission will address the issues on how to improve the bureaucracy and how to work within the law, at the same time allowing individuals who have done great damage to our country through plunder and economic sabotage to come forward and, maybe, be given an opportunity to do some kind of restitution," he said.

Magsaysay said "a select group of respected individuals in and out of the government" should compose the truth commission.

He said the majority of the members should be civilians, like businessman Washington Sycip. *With a report from Philip C. Tubeza*

Troops' morale down

By Julie S.Alipala
PDI Mindanao Bureau

IPIL, Zamboanga Sibugay—Government troops on the ground are affected by the controversy involving the alleged ill-gotten wealth of Maj. Gen. Carlos Garcia.

But Southern Command chief Lt. Gen. Generoso Senga said it was but "normal for us, or for some people or many people, to feel bad" about the controversy.

"Just like in a family where a member is in trouble, the spirit of the entire family has the tendency to go down," he said.

Col. Emmanuel Cayton, commander of the 102nd Brigade, said even before the controversy broke out, field commanders had already received guidelines and instructions from national headquarters to explain to their troops the Garcia case.

Cayton, however, said there was no need to discuss the issue at length because "they (troops) watch news on television and monitor the (House) hearings regularly."

"I cannot influence them by saying don't harbor suspicions," he said.

"I myself am already demoralized. Maybe some troops are also demoralized about what is happening, when some top ranking officials could get such amount of money in just a considerable time," Cayton told the INQUIRER.

Generals, too

Cayton, however, was quick to add that not only the low-ranking soldiers are demoralized.

"We can see in the faces of the other generals on television—how sad their faces are, and how demoralized they are because of the incident."

He said the Garcia case should be an eye-opener not only to the AFP but also to the lawmakers, that "there is something wrong in the system and what the government is doing now is weeding out some termites in the system to make the government stronger and more credible."

Focus on mission

Senga said that amid the controversy, soldiers on the ground should "always focus on their primary mission which is to pursue the enemies of the state, the threats to our national security and the preservation of peace and order in our communities."

Abaya property reflected in SAL

By Julie S.Alipala
PDI Mindanao Bureau

DAYS before his scheduled retirement on Oct. 29, AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Narciso Abaya has not been spared from the scrutiny of alleged ill-gotten wealth.

An unidentified informant sent a text message to the INQUIRER Mindanao bureau alleging that Abaya owns some 50 hectares of land in the towns of Ipil and Roseller Lim in Zamboanga Sibugay.

But AFP spokesperson Lt. Col. Daniel Lucero said the property in Ipil is "reflected" in Abaya's Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Planted to mango trees

A check in Ipil showed that Abaya owns only 8 hectares, not 50, in Barangay Doña Josefa in Ipil. The land is planted to 400 mango trees.

Merlyn Petulan, wife of caretaker Eugenio Petulan, told the INQUIRER that Abaya bought the property for P50,000 in 1995.

Petulan added that she also heard about the general owning a 12-hectare land in Barangay Gango in Roseller Lim town.

Abaya, in a telephone interview with the INQUIRER, said he did own the mango plantation in Doña Josefa.

Property sold

"I bought it in 1996 when I was the 102nd Army Brigade commander," he said.

He added that the 8-hectare property was "reflected and properly indicated in my 2003 SAL."

Abaya said he already sold the property two months ago.

Abaya also denied owning a mango plantation in Roseller Lim town.

Freeze order too late: All accounts empty

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Forces of the Philippines Savings and Loan Association Inc.

The bank accounts were either under Garcia's name or that of his wife Clarita and their children Ian Carl, 26; Juan Paolo, 23; and Timothy Mark, 21. Clarita and the children are all American citizens.

In one bank alone, the general owned a total of P44,590,291.14.

Gonzalez said authorities would have to find out what happened to the money that were deposited in the closed accounts.

He said he had written US Attorney General John Ashcroft to freeze all of Garcia's assets in the United States.

All US assets covered

Gonzalez said his request was different from that forwarded by the AMLC as it covered all of Garcia's assets in the United States and not just the pieces of property that had been identified by the AMLC.

The AMLC had identified three pieces of real estate owned by Garcia in the United States—the $765,000 Trump Park Avenue Condominium at 502 Park Avenue, New York City; the $750,000 apartment at 222 East 34th Street, also in New York City, and a house at 625 Vancouver Drive, Westerville, Ohio, of still undetermined value.

Gonzalez said he met on Tuesday with US legal attaché Jeffrey Cole, who assured him that the US government would act on his request once the US justice department received it.

He said Cole asked the Philippine government to specify what US assets of the Garcias should be frozen.

"He wants them to be identified, not only the bank accounts but all the assets. As long as these are identified, the US government would act on our request," Gonzalez said.

He also wrote AMLC Executive Director Vicente Aquino to file charges against Garcia in US courts so that the general's assets in the United States would be frozen.

Charges filed first

"The (DOJ) requests for the filing of the necessary cases by the (AMLC) relative to the freeze order against all the said known assets of General Garcia and all the members of his family in the US," Gonzalez said.

He said charges would have to be filed in the United States against Garcia before his assets could be frozen.

Solicitor General Alfredo Benipayo earlier said that Washington had "put on hold" Garcia's known assets in the United States pending the formal DOJ request to have them frozen.

A report of the Office of the Ombudsman said that the Garcias brought some P44 million into the United States between 1993 and 2004.

Garcia son: 'What's up dude?' then he clams up

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The house is one of the several pieces of property owned by the suspended military official in Iloilo, the home province of his wife Clarita.

Juan Paolo turned serious when he realized that he was talking to the INQUIRER. "No comment. I don't want to issue any statement. I don't want to answer your questions," he repeatedly said.

Pressed to comment on the investigation being conducted against his father, Juan Paolo said, "Didn't you hear me? I said 'I don't want to answer your questions.'"

He fell silent when the INQUIRER asked for an interview in person, When the INQUIRER left him a number to call in case he or his brother decided to talk, he said "OK."

The INQUIRER later went to the Garcia house in Jaro District to talk to Juan Paolo, but a housemaid said Juan Paolo "went out." She refused to give details of where he went and when he would come back.

Schooling in the US

The housemaid also refused to say when Juan Paolo arrived in Iloilo. Juan Paolo, his two brothers and their mother are American citizens.

Juan Paolo and his brothers Ian Carl and Timothy Mark all grew up and studied in the United States, according to a Garcia neighbor at Locsin Subdivision who asked not to be named.

The neighbor said the Garcia children started coming to Iloilo for visits only in 1998.

The two-story house at 46-H Locsin Subdivision has a concrete fence with a blue-painted wrought iron gate. The house was neither the biggest nor the smallest in the neighborhood. A white Honda Civic car was parked on the driveway.

Real estate

Other pieces of real estate of the Garcias, worth at least P16 million, include a caregiver school in Iloilo City, a mango orchard and a farm resort in Barangay Pulao in Dumangas town, 42 km northeast of the city, the hometown of Garcia's wife.

Garcia allegedly has assets in the United States and at least 40 bank accounts in local banks.

A report of the Office of the Ombudsman said Juan Paolo, his elder brother Ian Carl and mother Clarita Depakakibo-Garcia brought about P44 million into the United States during trips between 1993 and 2004.

On Dec. 19, 2003, Juan Paolo and Ian Carl were held by the US Customs and Border Patrol after they failed to declare $100,000.

Big business

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local governments to implement family planning programs.

This is widely seen as a concession to the Catholic Church which disallows the use of birth control devices. The Church is known to campaign against officials who promote contraceptives.

Clamor

There has been a growing clamor for the government to curb population growth in the Philippines which already has one of the highest birth rates in Asia at 2.36 percent annually. *AFP*

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Unicef exec cites Pasay as child friendly

By Nancy C. Carvajal

THE UNITED Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) acknowledged yesterday Pasay City as a child friendly locality.

Unicef country representative, Dr. Nicholas Alipui, made the announcement during the 3rd State of the City Children's Address of Mayor Wenceslao Trinidad, yesterday morning held at the Cuneta Astrodome.

Pasay City is one of the five cities and 20 provinces nationwide included in the Fifth Country Program agreement between Unicef and the government in 1999.

In his speech, Alipui expressed admiration for the continuous fight being waged by Mayor Trinidad and his staff for children's rights and welfare.

Meanwhile, Alipui speaking before students, local officials, church leaders, businessmen and visitors challenged the city's leaders to solve the local garbage and child prostitution problems.

Clean and orderly

"A child-friendly city must be clean and orderly," he said.

Alipui acknowledged the presence of Unicef Deputy Executive Director Toshiyuki Niwa whom he said would bring back to their headquarters the impressive mobilization of the goodwill for children in Pasay.

"You are building a model of the child-friendly city for other cities to emulate," Alipui said.

He added, "It is the only local government who had formed a city council for the welfare of the children."

The city he said had been in the forefront of LGUs nationwide in institutionalizing and following up on major local policy initiatives.

He expressed satisfaction in the involvement of the barangay councils to encourage them to be more serious about their duties toward children.

He also congratulated Trinidad for allocating P70 million which the city made available for children in the last five years.

Tutors, studes want principal out

PATALSIN
DR. BLAS
LICEN

CANTEEN ROW
Students of Lakandula High School in Tondo join their teachers in seeking the ouster of their principal.
ERIK ARAZAS

By Tarra V. Quismundo

DISGRUNTLED teachers and students walked out of their classes at a Manila public high school yesterday morning and sought the ouster of their school principal for being "abusive and repressive."

Around 4,000 teachers, students and their parents, gathered for a peaceful demonstration in front of the Lakandula High School on Juan Luna Street in Tondo, asking Alice Blas to give up her position.

"As long as she is there, we will not stop protesting. We are doing this for the children who are frightened," said Myrna Franco, a chemistry teacher.

The Students, Teachers and Parents for Change Movement had pushed for Blas' dismissal because the principal allegedly allowed private entrepreneurs to operate the school canteen. Blas' decision had set aside the cooperative that was supposed to be running the canteen until 2007, based on a Memorandum of Agreement between the teachers and the school, teachers said.

On Aug. 3, private operators took over the canteen management, said Grace dela Cruz, another teacher. She added that the canteen had raised its prices, and now commands a monopoly over the school's 4,725 students, as Lakandula students were not allowed to leave the premises during lunch breaks and recess.

Lakandula teachers had filed a complaint against Blas before the Division of City Schools, but this petition has yet to be resolved.

Speaking in Blas' behalf, Maria Rosario Galit, the principal's lawyer, said the contract with Michelle Pineda was "perfectly valid" as it had complied with a 1999 memorandum of the education department allowing principals to award contracts to any firm. The five-year contract had already expired, Galit said, adding that school administrators were not given monthly financial reports by the teachers.

Under the new contract, canteen facilities had "significantly improved," and an income of P20,000 monthly was guaranteed, Galit said. Blas earlier said she was a victim of trial by publicity, and had sued 50 teachers for staging the protests.

Police arrest two suspects in Martinez slay

By Tarra V. Quismundo

A CALL to police hotline Patrol 117 led to the arrest of two suspects in the killing of Supt. Manolo Martinez Monday morning.

June Felizardo, 28, and a 15-year-old boy were arrested at about 12:30 a.m. yesterday at their alleged safehouse on Block 60, Lot 33, Pangarap St., Lower Tawi-Tawi in Caloocan City.

"The informant said he knew who shot Colonel Martinez, and we found that his tip matched the information we already gathered," said Chief Supt. Pedro Bulaong, Western Police District (WPD) director.

Bulaong presented Felizardo to media yesterday afternoon at the Manila City Hall.

Meanwhile, the boy was held for investigation at the WPD headquarters on UN Avenue.

He noted that witnesses saw young men among the killers of Martinez.

Task Force Martinez, created to solve the murder, raided the suspect's house after a day of planning.

Picked out from line-up

Witnesses picked Felizardo out from a police line-up as the one who commandeered the jeepney used by the gunmen in their getaway.

Bulaong said, however, that another witness knew Felizardo as among those who planned and executed the killing of Martinez.

About five men armed with pistols and M-16 rifles shot Martinez from behind a wall on Santol Street where the station's parking lot was located.

Bulaong said that the suspects followed Martinez as he drove his Toyota Prado from his house in Tondo to the Sta. Mesa police station. The gunmen struck as Martinez stepped out of his vehicle.

The 54-year-old policeman succumbed to multiple gunshot wounds in the chest.

"This arrest is fool-proof," said Manila Mayor Lito Atienza, quickly dismissing fears that the suspects were fall guys.

Felizardo tearfully denied any involvement in the slay.

"*Nag-iihaw-ihaw lang po ako. Nagkamali lang ang mga* police (I just sell barbecue. The police are mistaken)," said Felizardo, who claimed he was with his family when the killing took place.

Earlier, a group called Partisano, which claimed to be the former Alex Boncayao Brigade, owned up the killing.

Stay safe

National Capital Region Police Office director Avelino Razon Jr. cautioned police officials following the slay.

He advised police officers to take different routes every day when going to police stations, vary their routine and, if possible, use different vehicles.

If followed, Razon said, police officials would avoid setting a daily pattern of activities which assassins could follow.

In a memorandum, Razon told police officials to "strengthen and enhance the security of police offices and stations."

50 rookie cops deployed to Eastern Metro malls

By Luige A. del Puerto

FIFTY rookie policemen will be deployed to malls and commercial centers in Eastern Metro Manila to boost the existing security forces in these venues.

Eastern Metro Manila is home to SM Megamall, StarMall, and Shangri-La Mall, all located in busy Ortigas Center, as well as several big hotels.

Recently, the EPD had been tasked to respond to crime incidents in Robinsons Galleria, situated on the boundaries of Quezon City, Mandaluyong City and San Juan.

The new recruits had been temporarily assigned to the District Special Action Unit. Yesterday, they underwent an orientation seminar at the Special Weapons and Tactics headquarters in Pasig City.

The San Juan police, meanwhile, is also set to assign more men at the Greenhills Shopping Center—not because of the brewing tension over a prayer room now under construction in the area, but because Christmas is fast approaching.

Supt. Rodel Jocson, San Juan police chief, also advised customers to watch out for petty criminals when shopping.

Jocson was echoing the call of Chief Supt. Oscar Valenzuela, EPD chief, who yesterday urged residents to be "street-smart" when they leave their houses. These measures include not wearing jewelry in public, not displaying big amounts of cash in public, and not walking in unlighted streets alone. Street crimes traditionally rise during the Christmas season.

Valenzuela said his office is thinking of putting up a police desk or additional beat patrols for each mall or commercial center. This way, shoppers would not have to go to police precincts to report a crime, he said.

The police official said they would welcome additional help from the military in watching over crime-prone areas.

"Any additional help would do, and the Marines, if ever they are assigned to malls, are very much welcome," Valenzuela added.

Height of cowardice

ON TARGET
Ramon Tulfo

IF THE Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Armed Forces want their members to work with zeal, they should take care of their health needs, as well as those of their immediate families.

And health care should continue up to their retirement. The government should still take care of police and military retirees because that's the least it can do to reward these veterans.

Retired SPO4 Arthur A. Madjus and SPO3 Bienvenido R. Lopido both need immediate medical attention for ailments they got while they were in the service.

Madjus and Lopido both need kidney transplants, but have nowhere to turn to.

Reason: The PNP, which admits that they are entitled to medical benefits even in retirement, has no money to pay for their medical and hospital bills.

If Madjus and Lopido don't have their kidney transplants soon, chances are their days are numbered.

Will some kind souls at the PNP higher echelon do something about the plight of the two retired cops?

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If Chief Supt. Marcelo Ele Jr., chief of the PNP legal service, would have his way he would have the two confined in hospital and given immediate medical attention.

Ele said that Madjus and Lopido are still entitled to medical and health benefits because they're still covered by the PNP circular on retirees.

Retirees can avail themselves of medical and health benefits 180 days after they got out of the service, Ele said. Madjus' 180 days will expire in December while Lopido has until March 2005.

However, Ele said, their benefits are subject to the availability of funds. And PNP has no funds for such purpose.

Poor Madjus and Lopido! After serving the PNP and the country so well, all they get is a rejection slip from their former organization.

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The cops who were at the Sta. Mesa (Manila) police station when their boss, Senior Supt. Manolo Martinez, was gunned down should be held accountable for his death.

Martinez was gunned down Monday as he got out of his car at the parking lot of the police station. Instead of fighting back, Martinez's men hid under the tables until the firing stopped.

If those cops could not protect their own boss, how can you expect them to protect civilians who come to them because their lives are in danger?

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A dedication on the monument for fallen Manila policemen in front of the Western Police District (WPD) headquarters on United Nations quotes King Leonidas at the Battle of Thermopylae: "Go tell the passersby that in this little world men knew how to die." Or words to that effect.

The monument compares the Manila policemen of old who died in the performance of duty with the 300 Spartans. And rightly so.

But the present crop of "Manila's Finest" can never be compared with the 300 brave Spartans who fought the enemy to the last man. That would be a desecration of the memory of those ancient soldiers of Greece.

Baka bumangon pa yung mga Spartans at pagsisipain ang mga pulis Maynila.

METROBRIEFS

Another WPD cop slain in three days

THE WESTERN Police District lost another colleague yesterday after a suspected burglar killed Sr. Insp. Emmanuel Sanchez, a member of the District Inspectorate Pre-Charge Investigation Office, and his wife Federica early yesterday morning. Sanchez's death came after the ambush of Supt. Manolo Martinez, director of the Sta. Mesa station. The Sanchez couple were stabbed at about 12:30 a.m. as they slept inside their home at United Parañaque Subdivision in Parañaque City. PO2 Manuel Sarmiento said the suspect entered the house by slashing the screen of the back door. Using a kitchen knife, the suspect stabbed Sanchez at least 14 times and his wife at least once. Their son later rushed them to the Parañaque Medical Center, where Sanchez was declared died on arrival. Federica died two hours later. Witnesses saw a man leaving the house of Sanchez. They described the man as about 25 to 27 years old, with a shaven head.

Leila B. Salaverria

3 suspects escape, returned to jail

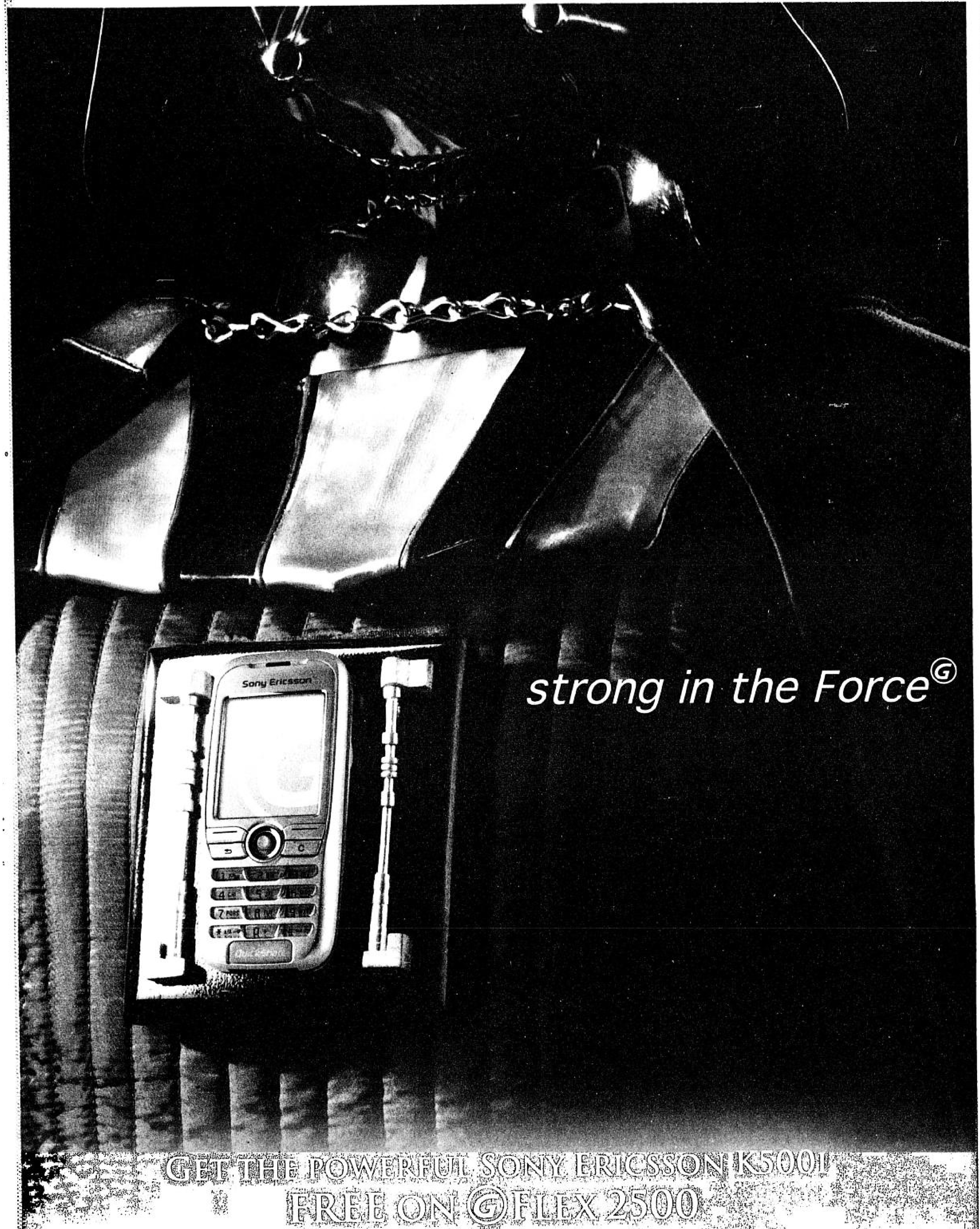
A SUSPECTED drug offender managed to escape at about 1:30 p.m. yesterday while he and two other drug suspects were being escorted to the Caloocan City Jail. But Valenzuela City policemen managed to rearrest Jing Alvarez, 41, hours later at about 5:30 p.m. A resident called up the police after seeing Alvarez in Barangay Punturin. The suspect was still handcuffed when he was arrested by the police team led by community precinct 7 commander Artemio De Lina in nearby Barangay Lawang Bato, SPO2 Teddy Espejo told the INQUIRER. Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency operatives were about to turn over Alvarez and two Chinese drug suspects to the city jail when the suspects jumped out of the vehicle on Letre Road, Caloocan City, reports from the Northern Police District said. The PDEA operatives caught up with the two suspects, but Alvarez managed to flee. However, quick coordination between PDEA and the NPD resulted in his arrest a few hours later.

Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

No flower children

AS PART of the government's drive to keep children off the streets, Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Chair Bayani Fernando said he would prohibit youngsters from selling flowers in the streets. Fernando said the flower vendors, most of them children selling sampaguita garlands, "should stay at home and in school and should not loiter in the streets where they could meet accidents." The MMDA chair said the Department of Social Welfare and Development would soon hold workshops for florists and entrepreneurs this week to make the sampaguita "more marketable to the public. This way, the sampaguita could be sold in legitimate stores and shops," Fernando said. He added that they would also prohibit vendors from loitering within church premises to sell the leis. "The priests disapprove of this practice," Fernando said. The MMDA chair also reminded the public not to give alms to street dwellers and beggars. "This would only encourage them to stay in the streets, which is not an appropriate place to live in," Fernando said. He noted that there have been fewer vagabonds in the streets since the MMDA launched its drive against street dwellers. These homeless persons are brought to the Fabella Center in Mandaluyong City where they are given livelihood training and brought back to the provinces," the MMDA chair said.

Margaux C. Ortiz



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Aces win; Eala under fire

By June Navarro

MIKE Cortez responded under pressure while Sonny Thoss had another spectacular night as Alaska survived Red Bull Barako, 79-71, in the Gran Matador PBA Philippine Cup last night at the Araneta Coliseum.

Cortez, who flubbed three free throws down the stretch as Alaska bowed to Coca-Cola last week, went three of four from the stripe this time to help the Aces score a breakthrough win after dropping their first three outings.

Thoss had a career-high 21 points and 15 rebounds for the Aces, who dealt the Barakos their third defeat in four games.

In the second game, Shell picked up its third win in four starts with a 70-67 conquest of San Miguel, which slipped to 2-3.

Meanwhile, commissioner Noli Eala came under fire from Talk 'N Text management for also suspending Asi Taulava despite the presence of an injunction filed before a Manila Regional Trial Court.

TNT governor Ricky Vargas said Taulava should have been spared of the suspension since the Department of Justice has yet to decide on the case of the reigning league MVP.

EALA: Ready

Vargas said: "No other person other than the commissioner can claim he has the interest of the league in mind. All of us governors, including the chairman, are in conflict and if you hear them say otherwise, that's baloney."

"The commissioner, therefore, who is tasked to protect the league, must have the wisdom, experience and independence to do so in the fairest manner he knows best. Unfortunately, as a lawyer, this time he was quick to the draw," he added.

Taulava's lawyers appealed to the PBA to lift the suspension during yesterday's board meeting, but the appeal was deferred.

"There's no sign or insinuation that TNT would file legal action. But if that happens, the league definitely knows what to do," Eala told the INQUIRER, hinting of the possi-

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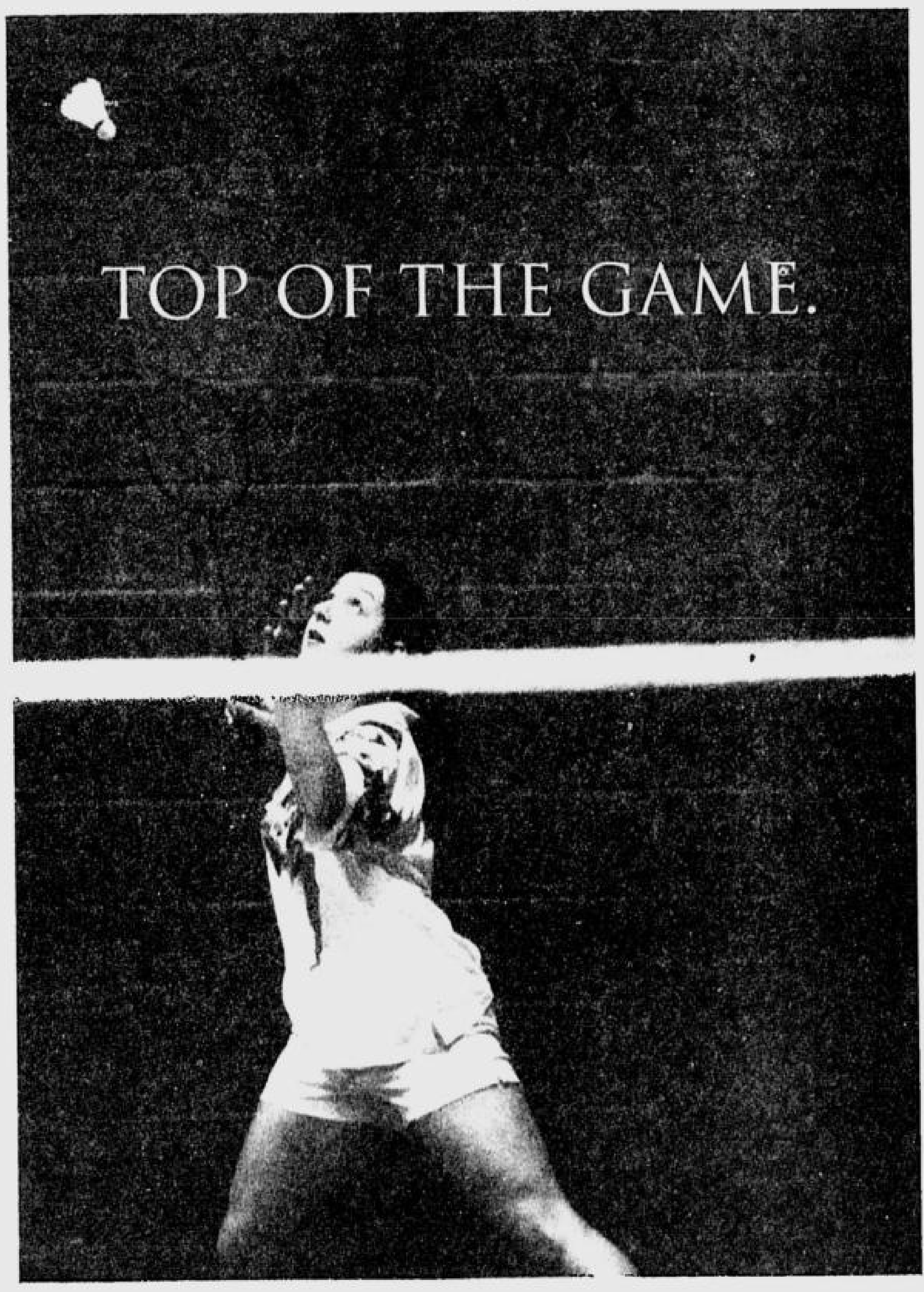
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Gonzales lone victor as RP bows to Canada

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WOMEN: 14.0—China; 11.0—Russia, France, Ukraine; 10.5—India; 10.0—Hungary, Sweden, Germany, Slovakia, Poland, United States, Georgia; 9.5—Argentina, England, Belarus, Netherlands, Cuba, Armenia, Vietnam, Israel, Bulgaria; ... 7.5—**Philippines**, Bosnia Herzegovina, Colombia, Estonia, Venezuela, Malaysia, Denmark, Switzerland, Turkey

MALLORCA, Spain—International Master Jayson Gonzales squeezed a marathon victory with the black pieces to help ease the pain of the Philippines' narrow 2.5-1.5 defeat at the hands of Canada on Tuesday in the fifth round of the World Chess Olympiad.

Gonzales, an Olympic debutant at 35 years old, was last to leave the table, outduelling fellow IM Igor Zugic in 84 moves of a Slav defense.

Earlier, Grandmaster Joey Antonio picked up his second straight draw while Eugene Torre and National Master Emmanuel Senador dropped their respective matches.

RP slips into 23rd place

The Filipinos slipped into a tie for 23rd place.

Ukraine kept a slim lead over Israel after battling to a 2-all standoff in the top board.

Bannered by super GMs Vassily Ivanchuk and Ruslan Ponomariov, Ukraine has 16.5 points, half a point ahead of the Boris Gelfand-led squad.

China improved to 13 points after blasting Switzerland, 3-1. GM Xu Jun upset two-time world championship contender Viktor Korchnoi at Board 1.

In women's play, the Philippines held 38th seed Estonia to a fighting 1.5-all deadlock.

Women Fide Master Sheerie Joy Lomibao stayed undefeated at Board 1 when she halved the point with Women IM Viktoria Bashkite in 31 moves of a Reti Opening.

WIM Beverly Mendoza, playing white at board two, drew with Leili Piarnpuu after 29 moves of a Sicilian, while rookie Loreshyl Cuizon took her third straight draw, this time with Margit Brokko-Olde in 26 moves of a Caro-Kann defense.

The Filipinas improved to 7.5 points, good for a share of 40th spot with eight other nations.

The Filipinos came into the match against Canada hoping to follow up their 3-1 trouncing of Ireland. Instead, they walked away battered from losses on the opposite ends of the table.

Gonzales' patience pays off

The only bright spot came at Board 3 where Gonzales patiently navigated his rook, two knights and two pawns to victory against Zugic's two rooks and a pawn.

"The endgame was difficult but somehow I managed to find the winning line despite the little time left," said Gonzales, the team's best scorer so far with 3.5 points in four games.

GM Eugene Torre played aggressively with black, but paid the price for leaving his back rank vulnerable, losing to GM Dmitri Tyomkin in 36 moves of a Two Knights Defense.

The 52-year-old veteran sent his two rooks for a kingside attack, but couldn't get through Tyomkin's fortress. The ploy cost Torre a pawn and a weak back rank which Tyomkin attacked.

Torre's first setback

It was Torre's first loss in three games.

Senador, playing white at Board 4, lost a tactical match with IM Yan Teplitsky for his second straight defeat. The two-time Olympian lost the exchange in a fierce firefight with Teplitsky and failed to salvage a draw in the endgame.

Antonio, fresh from a day's rest, agreed to a 31-move draw with IM Mark Bluvshtein off the Four Knights defense.

The 40th ranked Filipinos battle No. 27 seed Denmark on Wednesday.

Team captain Sammy Estimo, not taking chances, decided to field the regular board players for the first time in the tournament against a team led by GM Hansen Sune Berg.

Five 'Fil-shams' can request Palace help

By Jerome Aning

A PRESIDENTIAL intervention is one of only two options that can stop the impending deportation of the five Philippine Basketball Association players declared 'Fil-shams' by the Department of Justice on Monday.

Arvin Santos, a member of the Bureau of Immigration three-man special committee conducting summary deportation proceedings against the five, said the players may still appeal to the Office of the President if the BI board of commissioners upholds the DOJ order.

The players could also initiate a petition for certiorari to question and temporarily stop the proceedings or the implementation of the decision itself, Santos added.

But all these time, however, Coca-Cola's Rudy Hatfield, Red Bull's Davonn Harp, Mick Pennisi and Jon Ordonio and Barangay Ginebra's Alex Crisano will be in jail.

Talk 'N Text's Asi Taulava was also found guilty of faking his Philippine citizenship but he was not included in the deportation proceedings due to an injunction previously issued in his favor by a Manila regional trial court.

The players have earlier been given a non-extendable period of five days to submit their answers to charges that they violated immigration laws by submitting fraudulent papers to support their claim to Filipino citizenship.

The committee will deliberate and submit its findings and recommendation to the BI board of commissioners, which will render final judgment on the cases.

Santos, who heads the bureau's task force on deportation cases, was named to the three-man committee by Immigration Commissioner Alipio Fernandez Jr. along with Benjamin Kalaw, acting legal chief, and executive director Roy Almoro, who was named committee chair.

Santos explained that since the deportation proceedings were summary in nature, the bureau will no longer schedule or invite the players to a hearing. Instead, it will make its decision on the basis of documents and findings submitted to the committee or on file with the bureau.

BERNZON Franco of Alaska (center) loses his balance as Jimwell Torion and Cyrus Baguio of Red Bull harasses him during last night's game. AUGUST DELA CRUZ

Aces win; Eala under fire

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bility of slapping huge fines if the case goes to court.

The scores:

First Game

ALASKA 79—Thoss 21, Cablay 17, Cortez 16, Hawkins 9, Tejada 8, Peek 4, Felhl 2, Duat 2, Franco 0, Padilla 0, Arigo 0.

RED BULL 71—Villanueva 19, Torion 14, Meneses 13, Tugade 10, Baguio 6, Agapito 4, Rodriguez 3, Robinson 2, Lopez 0, Asaytono 0.

Quarters: 22-8, 38-27, 53-50, 79-71

Second Game

SHELL 70—Tubid 18, mamaril 14, Bajar 9, Dela Cruz 8, Jackson 8, Cruz 7, Alvarez 4, Calaguio 2, Sta. Maria 0, Legaspi 0.

SAN MIGUEL 67—Ildefonso 12, Belasco 11, Pena 10, Racela 9, Singson 8, Hontiveros 7, Mente 7, Gahol 3.

Quarters: 21-15, 38-32, 47-49, 70-67.

SPORTSWATCH

Rivera takes Chairman's Cup lead

BIBOY Rivera of Team Prime rolled 2212 pinfalls in nine games to wrest the lead from reigning World Cup champion CJ Suarez in the 1st Chairman's Cup at the Powerbowl Bowling and Billiards Center at Rockwell, Makati City. Rivera averaged 245 and stood just a pin ahead of Cecilia Yap of Team Bowlmart who rode on a high scratch series of 816 to boost her tally to 2211. Suarez came third with 2195 followed by Ben Gonzales with 2185. The top 24 qualifiers will vie for the P100,000 top prize in this event sponsored by Rockwell Land chair Manuel M. Lopez, Smart Communications, Euro-Med Laboratories and Prudential Guarantee. In the seniors division, Kit Lichauco led the field with 2239 followed by George Ongkeko (2220), Yoyong Galang (2213), Boy Cruz (2197) and Ricky Yap (2091). Setting the pace in the ladies seniors are Nene Lichauco (2094), Dolly Galang (2008), Ditas Lerma (2002), Eleanor Galang (1947) and Polly Aquino (1915). The finalists will dispute the title on Saturday and Sunday. Interested bowlers may still register and qualify at the venue until tomorrow.

New Balance Power race listing on

REGISTRATION has opened for the third annual staging of the New Balance Power race slated Nov. 21 at the Bonifacio Global City in Taguig. Participants can obtain entry forms at the ground floor of the Vasquez Madrigal Plaza Building, 51 Annapolis Street in Greenhills, San Juan, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Sunday. The last day of registration is on Nov. 17. Runners will receive their race packets and singlets upon registration in Greenhills. Fees are P250 for the 25-K New Balance Power Race; P150 for the 10-K Open and Corporate Race and P100 for the 5-K Fun Run. The New Balance Power Race is organized by Team Tri-Pursuit, an endurance event organizer headed by Eric Imperio. Providing electronic timing equipment and computerized results for the event is veteran marathon organizer Rudy Biscocho.Registration forms may also be submitted at New Balance stores at Glorietta 4 in Makati City (tel. no. 757-5886); Festival Supermall in Alabang (850-3695); Planet Sports Power Plant Mall, Makati City (756-5006 and 898-1553); the Athlete's Foot, Robinsons Place in Ermita (536-3342). Registration is accepted at the New Balance stores until Nov. 10. Race packets can be claimed from Nov. 16 to 19.

Suico stakes OPBF title vs Indon

LAPU-LAPU CITY—Randy (Komong Bato) Suico stakes his Oriental Pacific Boxing Federation super featherweight title against Indonesian challenger Ibrahim Aroby in the 12-round main event of Wakee Salud's "Unfinished Business" card here this Saturday. The Indonesian fighter is expected to arrive at the Cebu-Mactan International Airport tonight. Ranked OPBF No. 4, Aroby has a record of 18 wins with 9 KOs, 2 draws and a loss. Suico, ranked No. 2 by the World Boxing Council, is making the third defense of his regional crown. It will be Suico's first outing since his controversial loss last May to South African Mzonke Fana, who escaped with a split decision win in their WBC International super featherweight title clash despite two knockdowns and being almost out on his feet in the last round. *Salven L. Lagumbay*

Galleria shuttlers lift Partners Cup

THE GALLERIA Defenders bagged the Partners Cup 2004 invitational badminton tournament among business partners of Robinsons Land Corp. at the Asuncion Badminton Center in San Juan, Metro Manila recently. Galleria Defenders, composed of executives and employees of RLC, topped the team competition over runner-up Lipa Baseliners and Pioneer Diggers. TV host Paolo Bediones, an avid badminton enthusiast, and actress Daisy Reyes played against actress Rachel Lobangco and RLC executive vice president Frederick Go in one of the exhibition matches highlighting the single-day event. National champion Kennevic Asuncion and sister Kenny played against Chinese national player Lily Wang and Go in the other exhibition mixed doubles match. Rosalie Chua and Leah Disabille won the ladies doubles title while Nilo Mapa and Einnor Camiling ruled the men's doubles. Other winners: Lyn Rivera and John Evangelista in mixed doubles, Lawrence Cobankiat and Marlon Bautista in beginners doubles, Boyong Aquino and John Mallari in Open 1 doubles, Rupert Henson and Nicky Agcaolli in Open 2 doubles.

Dayspring Christian golf tees off today

THE DAYSPRING Christian Foundation Golf Tournament fires off today at the Club Intramuros in Manila. Tee-off is from 7 a.m. to 12 noon. Foundation vice president Banjo Navarro said proceeds of the tournament will go to the poor and indigent pastors in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. Ticket price is P2,000, inclusive of green fee, caddy fee, meal and raffle stub. For tickets or donations, call Beth at 633-4157 to 59.

Bernis grabs lead by 2 after a 67

BAGUIO CITY—A fired-up Jun Bernis birdied four straight holes on the way to a two-under-par 67 yesterday to seize the solo lead by two strokes in the championship division halfway through the Samsung Amateur Tour's sixth elimination leg at the Camp John Hay Golf Club course here.

Bernis, who missed the chance to play for the national team in the World Amateurs in Puerto Rico due to visa woes, nailed seven birdies at the rolling par-69 course. The lead could have been bigger if not for his bogey-bogey finish.

Rufino Bayron needed a birdie on the last hole to stay in the hunt for the finals slot being disputed in the 72-hole event.

Bayron, cheered by elder brother Jay, who already had qualified for the finals by topping last week's leg at Malarayat, picked up birdies on two of the last four holes for a 71 and a 142 total, just two behind Bernis.

Ronnie Torecampo, tied with Bayron for the lead overnight, returned a 72 marred by a triple bogey on the 18th. He stood in third at 143.

Also keeping himself in the hunt was Dave Hernandez who was in solo fourth at 144 after a 72.

Asi & Co. plus John Lesaca in a cameo role

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

HARDEST hit in the Fil-sham issue are Talk 'N Text and Red Bull.

For, if Asi Taulava gets to be deported, Talk 'N Text will lose its Rock of Gibraltar. It will need to resurrect the Shock of Immaltar from the boondocks of Bantocaling in the Caraballo ranges to stay in the running. Isn't Talk 'N Text the defending champion in the ongoing PBA Gran Matador Brandy Philippine Cup? And did it not do it last year with big help from Asi, who went on to become the league's season MVP?

This year, the PBA has adopted "Astig" as its power word/slogan for its 30th season.

For Talk 'N Text, if it would really lose Asi Taulava, it might as well be "Astav" for the phone company, as in "Asi Taulava Alis Va?"

It can't get any cornier than that.

But in times like these, everybody needs a little laugh.

As for Red Bull, the minute it loses Davonn Harp, Mick Pennisi and Jon Ordonio, the team will transform from "Barako" to "Barado." Meaning, with the departure of the three, Red Bull's offense will suffer from the "Barado Syndrome"—"barado" meaning in Pilipino, no more fight to speak of. As coach Yeng Guiao said: "Everybody knows that my team exists mainly because of Harp, Pennisi and Ordonio."

Both the teams' worries are understandable.

Talk 'N Text lives chiefly because of Asi, at 6-foot-9 the league's undisputed Mt Apo.

In a manner of speaking, Red Bull can only bully its way past the opposition if Harp and Pennisi, two giants in the land of Lilliputians, were around.

You lose Asi Taulava and that's like removing Parthenon from Greece. You don't uproot a landmark or you lose everything, including your poise, if not sanity.

Red Bull minus Harp and Pennisi in the ongoing PBA loop that is basically import-free is like watching "John En Marsha" without Dolphy and Nida Blanca, or hearing Beatle music without John Lennon and Paul McCartney.

Oh, yes, Lennon-McCartney. That gives me a reason to digress a bit from my Fil-sham topic today.

Hey, that was a surprise from John Lesaca and his "Area One" band that did the front act for the Chad & Jeremy show at the Aliw Theater last weekend. John L can really do John Lennon pieces (his crooning of "Girl" was great) that John L can easily stand for John Lennon instead of John Lesaca. Brace yourself up, John, for I'll catch you at Hard Rock Café one of these days.

Anyway, having said that, I'm now going back to Asi and the so-called Fil-shams.

They have been ordered deported—Asi, Harp, Pennisi, Ordonio, Rudy Hatfield and Alex Crisano—by the Department of Justice and, if they don't leave voluntarily, they will be jailed pending their departure.

While the affected parties are brooding, sulking, rejoicing from the opposite side of the fence is, among others, former Senator Barbers. Barbers it was who headed the Senate committee that investigated the Fil-Ams in 2002 and found Asi & Co. guilty of submitting fake citizenship documents.

"My job didn't go in vain," said Barbers, whose perseverance in nailing the "Fil-shams" should have been enough reason for him to be returned to the Senate last May.

I commend the PBA leadership, led by Commissioner Eala, for its steadfast position to respect the DOJ ruling to deport the six. Eala, a lawyer no less, even opined the DOJ decision could not be appealed.

These are hard times, really, if not downright harsh especially in the cases of Asi and Hatfield. Asi has married a Filipina and they have a child; Hatfield insists he is half-Filipino, having tearfully told sportswriters he suffered racial discrimination while growing up in America.

Tossed once again like a paper boat in the open seas is the PBA. But bite the bullet it must, again, if only to survive.

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FASTBREAK. I'll be on vacation shortly. Will you miss me? Thank you, but I'm sure many will celebrate my absence. We have a commonality there. This is one break we will all enjoy because being cushy with each other for quite a while now can really graduate into a bore. We've got to cut it, if only momentarily. I need the break, coming after 18 straight months since April last year—a hectic five-times-a-week routine to keep you company. I'm not complaining. I love it. There's no job as fulfilling as writing that's why I cannot thank Sandy Prieto-Romualdez, our president/CEO, enough for having given me the opportunity to leave the sports editorship (been there 7 years) and go full-time into column writing. Anybody can become a reporter, but not every reporter can become a columnist. I want everybody to miss me—including my non-admirers. As the saying goes, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder."

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Obet, Peping run SEA Games show

By Marc Anthony Reyes

FORMER Tourism chief Roberto "Obet" Pagdanganan became the chief executive officer, and veteran politician Jose "Peping" Cojuangco was named vice chair of the Philippine Southeast Asian Games Organizing Committee (Philsoc) yesterday.

The leadership upheaval came after Philippine Olympic Committee head Celso Dayrit yielded to Pagdanganan the role of Philsoc president, who will be calling all the shots for the country's hosting of next year's SEAG on Nov. 27-Dec. 5.

While the NOC head of the host country normally serves as president of the organizing committee, Pagdanganan's position had a precedent when then Tourism Secretary Peter Garrucho also took over as chair and executive officer of the 1991 Manila SEAG, when the country nearly wrested the overall title from Indonesia.

It was also Dayrit who suggested during the Philsoc meeting that Cojuangco, the equestrian president, be named vice chair in recognition of the clout he could provide in raising funds to meet the SEAG budget.

Experts feel Dayrit's gesture could mean he was no longer keen in opposing Cojuangco's announced bid to run for the POC presidency during the Nov. 27 polls.

"It's turning out to be good and beneficial for Philippine sports," said Cojuangco. "At least now that I'm a vice chair, I will have an authority when I reach out to friends for help."

Dayrit will remain as SEAG president who will deal only with "technical matters."

"We will work as a team. Our concern is not about our titles but the responsibilities that go with them. Everyone realizes the importance of what we need to accomplish," said Pagdanganan

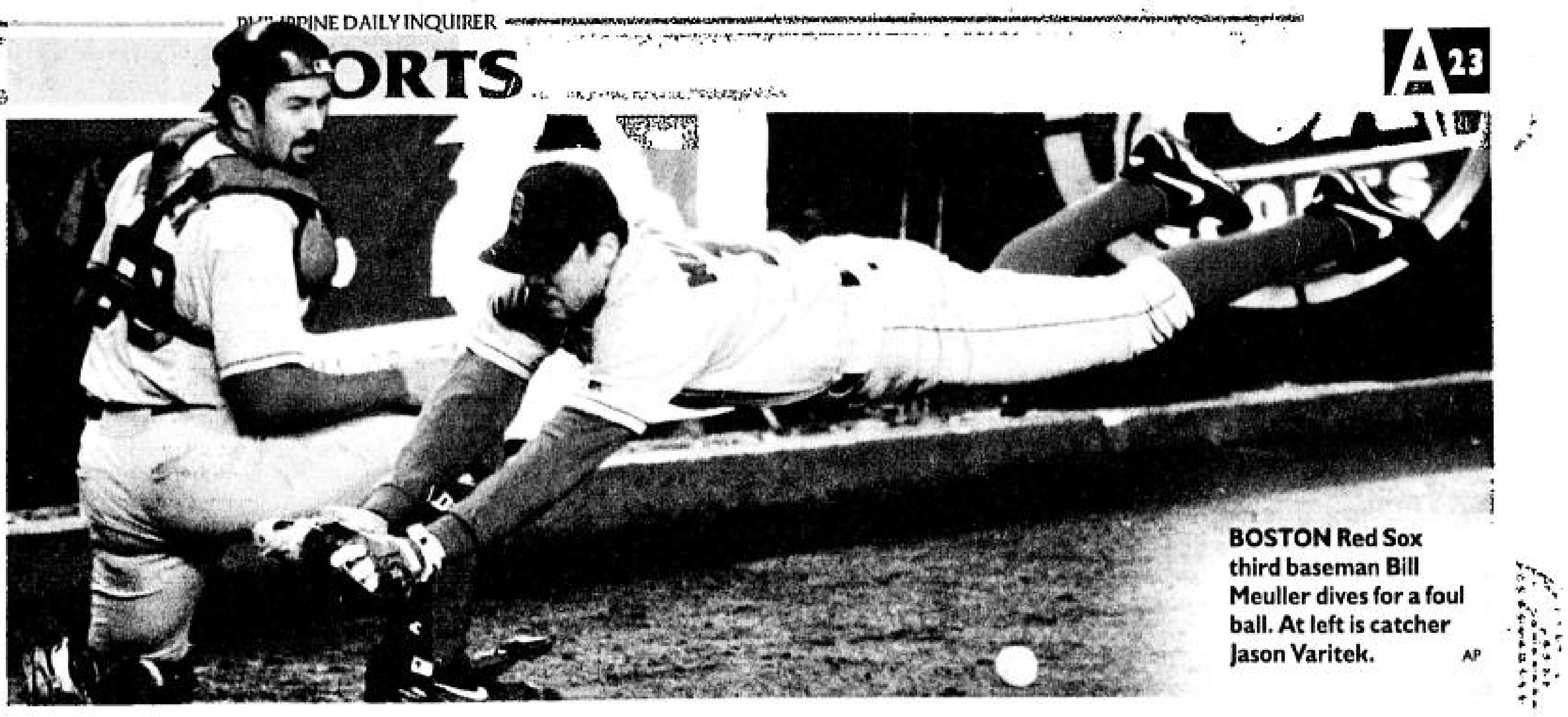
"We at the board are very confident that we can bring down further the figures. While it is true that we are looking at P900 million (SEAG budget) now, our efforts may be able to reduce this between P850 million and P890 million," he said.

Pagdanganan later announced major revisions done on a multimillion-dollar marketing deal Dayrit had earlier forged with a Malaysian firm. They include the reduction of commissions from 10 percent to 5 percent on sponsorships coming from government-owned and controlled corporations and government financing institutions.

Also, from the original 25 percent commission on domestic accounts, Intersports can only claim 10 percent. Sources said the marketing firm which handled four SEA Games before, including the Manila 1991, is amenable to the changes.

Dayrit refused to talk about the POC elections and stated during the press conference following the Philsoc meeting that "I'm still praying for it."

Cojuangco reportedly has the support of at least 28 of the 37 voting national sports associations. He didn't deny that he wants to create the position of POC chair emeritus, which experts feel is reserved for Dayrit.



BOSTON Red Sox third baseman Bill Mueller dives for a foul ball. At left is catcher Jason Varitek. AP

Red Sox level AL series

NEW YORK—Gritting his teeth and grimacing throughout, Curt Schilling willed away the pain in his bloody right ankle and the Boston Red Sox got the benefit of two reversed calls to move within one win of the most shocking comeback in baseball postseason history.

For the second straight year, the New York Yankees and the Red Sox will go to a Game 7, a winner-take-all battle for the AL pennant between baseball's perennial power and a Boston team desperately trying to win the World Series for the first time since 1918.

Pitching on a dislocated ankle tendon that forced him out of the opener, Schilling smothered the Yankees by allowing one run over seven innings to lead the Red Sox over New York, 4-2, Tuesday night and pull Boston into a 3-3 tie in an AL championship series that was three outs from a sweep just two days earlier.

New York was ahead, 3-0, in the series before blowing a ninth-inning lead in Game 4 at Fenway Park and losing in the 12th Sunday night. The Yankees led Game 5 in the eighth Monday, then lost that one, too, another 5-hour marathon that stretched on for 14 innings.

In the fourth, Mark Bellhorn hit a ball over the left-field wall that was at first ruled a ground-rule double before it was correctly changed to a three-run homer that made it 4-0.

Then in the eighth, after Miguel Cairo's double and Derek Jeter's RBI single off Bronson Arroyo pulled the Yankees to 4-2, Alex Rodriguez hit a ball between the mound and first. Arroyo picked it up and ran toward first, where just before the base, the striding A-Rod slapped the ball away.

Jeter came all the way around to score as the ball bounced down the right-field line. After Boston manager Terry Francona came out to argue, the umpires huddled, then called Rodriguez out for interference and sent Jeter back to first. *AP*

M. Lhuillier stakes clean slate in URBL

SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga—M. Lhuillier-Cebu City stakes its unbeaten slate when it tangles with Harbour-Centre-Pampanga at 4 p.m. today in the United Regional Basketball League at the Archbishop Cinense Gym of the University of the Assumption.

The Lhuillier Jewelers are unbeaten after five games, but Harbour Centre-Pampanga isn't far behind at 4-1 and is aching to avenge its 96-83 loss to M. Lhuillier in the first round at the New Cebu City Coliseum.

STANDINGS	W	L
M. Lhuillier	5	0
Harbour-Centre	4	1
Ilocos Sur Snipers	1	3
Quezon Coco Huskers	1	4
Lactovitale	1	4

GAME TODAY
(University of the Assumption)
4 p.m.—Harbour Centre-Pampanga vs M. Lhuillier-Cebu City

Coach Yayoy Alcoseba will again lean on James Laygo, Bong Marata, Bruce Dacia, Woodraw Enriquez and center Leo Bat-og in the Jewelers' bid to pull away from the field in the league supported by adidas and Lactovitale.

Harbour Centre, riding high on a three-game winning streak, hopes to exploit its homecourt advantage to gain a share of the lead. Homegrown talents Ariel Garcia, Pet Duyag, Billy Bansil, Alex Bognot and VJ Santos will be coach Alex Gonzales' main men.

Highlighting the match is the shootout between the league's top scorers—Laygo and Garcia—who both average 18.2 points per game.

In their first encounter, Laygo scored 14 of his 20 points in the second half to help erase Harbour-Centre's 53-48 halftime lead. Garcia, on the other hand, finished with 15 points against M. Lhuillier but was held to four points in the second half.

Owen powers Madrid

PARIS—England international Michael Owen finally paid back the opening installment on his $12-million transfer fee on Tuesday as he scored his first Real Madrid goal to give his side a 1-0 Champions League win against Dynamo Kiev. But Liverpool, the team Owen left behind in the summer, could only draw, 0-0, at home to Deportivo La Coruna in Group A, while Manchester United also drew a blank at Sparta Prague. Sir Alex Ferguson's team, which faces a Premiership showdown with bitter rival Arsenal on Sunday, also lost top spot in Group D after French champions Lyon beat Fenerbahce, 3-1, in Istanbul. *AFP*

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Celebrities vie for Camry, other prizes in Samsung golf

A BRAND new Toyota Camry, trips to Thailand and a Boracay holiday package are up for grabs as hole-in-one prizes in the 1st Samsung Celebrity Invitational Classic slated on Friday, Oct. 29 at the Legends course of the Manila Southwoods Golf and Country Club.

The Camry, worth almost P3 million, is at stake for an ace on the 16th hole, the Phuket, Thailand vacation on the 12th hole, the Boracay trip on the seventh hole and the Bangkok holiday on the third.

The Samsung Celebrity Invitational Classic is a strictly by-invitation-only event conceptualized by Kitchie Benedicto-Paulino of KB Entertainment; Inc. with Samsung and Toyota as major sponsors.

Invitees are requested to confirm their participation on or before Oct. 25 for their inclusion in the field which will tee off shotgun style at 8 a.m.

Among those who have confirmed to play are former Sen. Tito Sotto and brothers Vic, Val and Maru, Joey Marquez, Johnny Litton, Pops Fernandez, Candy Pangilinan, Anjo and Jomari Yllana, Richard Gomez, Boboy Garrovillo, Ramon Jacinto, Bert de Leon, Princess Punzalan, Edgar Mortiz, Johnny Delgado, Nadia Montenegro and Ogie Alcasid.

Jack Nicklaus apparel is providing gift certificates, Electrobus is giving away a Callaway driver, Pacsports a Nike putter, and Mizuno one of its expensive golf bags for the participants. There are several fun holes, so players will expect to be rewarded not only for their good scores but for their not-so-good scores as well.

Raffle and fun hole sponsors include Unilever Philippines, Colgate-Palmolive, Bay Spa, Bong Lopez, Onda Enterprises, C-lium, Intercontinental Hotel, New World Renaissance, Bellevue hotel, Fridays Boracay, Wilson and Golf Depot.

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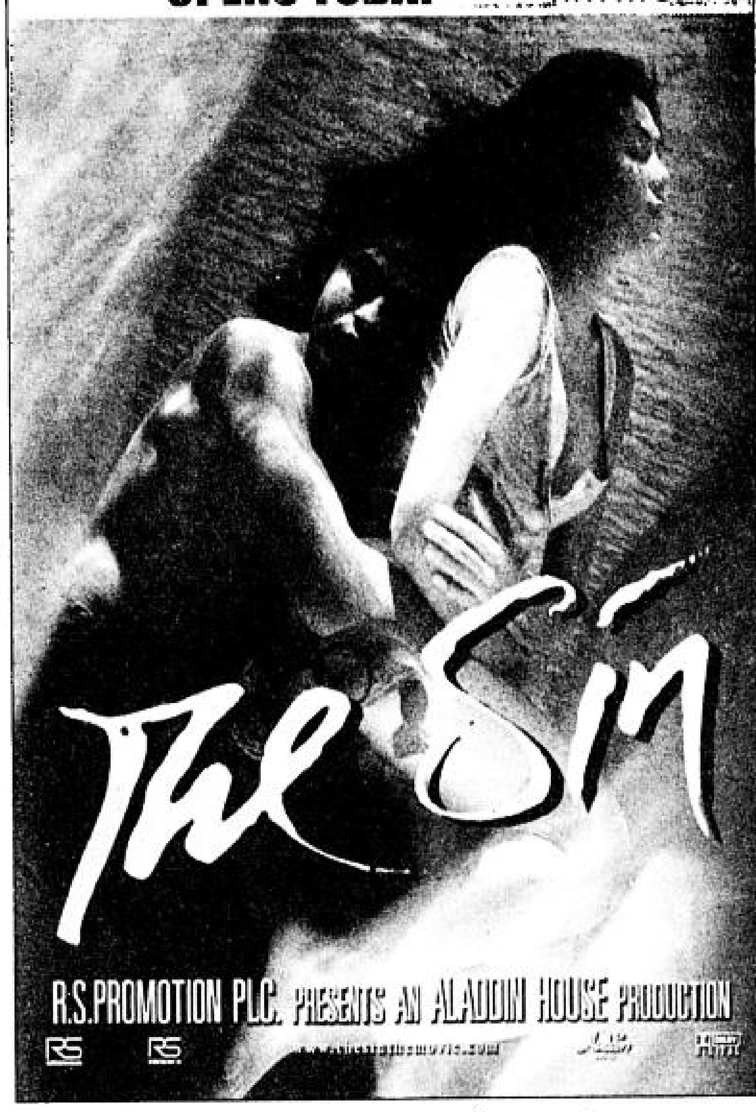
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Cebu nails South title as Ozamiz walks out

CEBU CITY—Host Tribu Sugbu captured the National Basketball Conference South division title Tuesday night when its rival, Ozamiz Cotta, walked out with 43.1 seconds left and the Cebuanos ahead, 85-82, at the Cebu Coliseum here.

The Tribes were declared winner after Ozamiz walked out and failed to get back onto the court after a five-minute break.

The walkout came after former Purefoods point guard Egay Echavez was slapped a technical foul for vehemently protesting an offensive foul slapped on teammate Nino Marquez.

The Ozamiz bench reacted by throwing empty plastic water bottles, angering the partisan Cebuano fans who also hurled plastic bottles at the Ozamiz bench and on the court.

Mayor Reynaldo Parojinog's Ozamiz cagers hid in the dugout and refused to come out even after the crowd was pacified.

"We were disappointed with the call," said assistant coach Alvin Calvo, who replaced Jun da Jose, who had to fly to Manila for personal reasons. "The offensive foul was acceptable but the technical was so sudden it hurt our chances."

The Tribes of businessmen Lito Gillamac, Albert Tan and Dr. Kelly Viado and Forward Taguig, which upset Laguna Spring in the North division finals dispute the national title at 6 p.m. tomorrow at the C.P. Tinga gym in Taguig. The remainder of the best-of-three series will be played here.

The scores:

CEBU 85—Larong 21, Grijaldo 13, Mercado 12, Sanders 11, Concha 7, Licanda 7, Dela Rosa 4, Elim 4, Piodo 4, Tangkay 2, Lanete 0, Bucao 0, Almacin 0.

OZAMIZ 82—Echavez 25, Basco 18, Guerrero 14, Rodriguez 7, Sampilo 4, Basilides 4, Ferraren 3, Marquez 2, Cabigkis 2, Cabrera 2, Alminario 0, Libatog 0, Guiyab 0, Arman 0.

Quarters: 25-23, 41-42, 61-64, 85-82

Blue Sharks prevail, gain FIBL semis

PACESETTER Blue Sharks repeated over the Bombay Bombers, 56-54, recently to clinch the first semifinals seat in the 2004 FIBL Ambassador's Cup basketball tournament at the Makati Coliseum.

The Blue Sharks' fourth straight win in as many games also gave them the twice-to-beat edge in the semis. The defending champion Bombers tasted their third straight defeat and fell to 1-3.

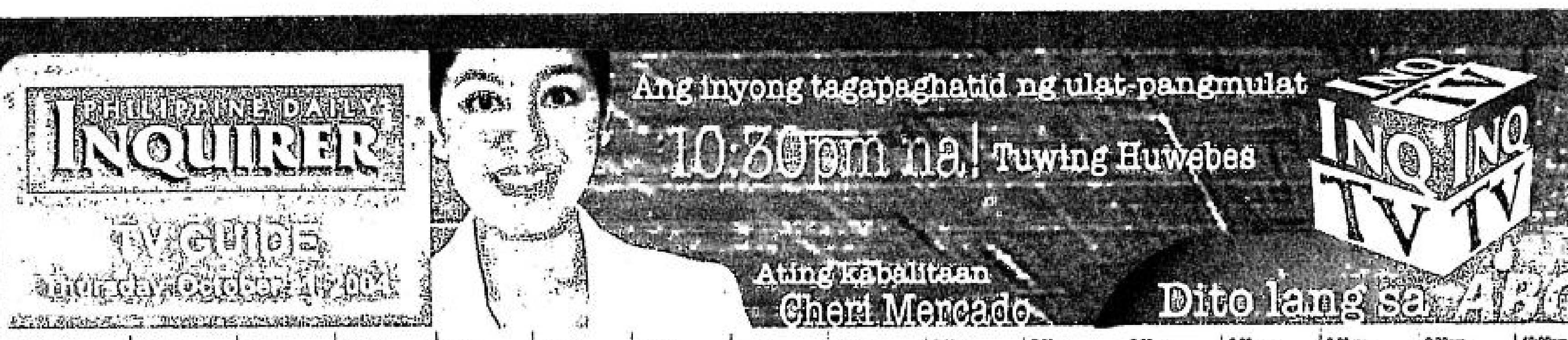
The Bombers led at halftime, 25-18, through the efforts of Kenneth Sharma, Prem Jiandani, Ravin Mahibubani and Rajesh Chulani. But the Blue Sharks, coached by Gabby Velasco, unloaded a 9-0 bomb engineered by Parmdeep Brar and Bebo Menghrajani to wrest the lead for good at 36-33.

In the second game, the Kings greeted the return of playing coach ex-pro Mike Advani to likewise repeat over the Knights, 84-72, and level their slate at 2-2.

2004 FIBL Ambassador's Cup

Standing	W	L
Blue Sharks	4	0
Kings	2	2
Knights	1	3
Bombay Bombers	1	3

GAMES SATURDAY
(*Makati Coliseum*)
3 p.m.—Bobcats vs Little Knights (Juniors)
5 p.m.—Kings vs Blue Sharks
7p.m.—Knights vs Bombay Bombers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Star World	The Bold & The Beautiful		Hollywood Squares	Home Improvement	Baywatch		The Simpsons	The Drew Carey Show	Star News Asia	Just Shoot Me	Smallville		Buffy The Vampire Slayer Simple Life/For Love Or Money	Young, Posh & Loaded			Just Shoot Me	Smallville	
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HBO			Dancing At The Harvest Moon		Dancing At The Harvest Moon	Do Or Die (5:50 PM)			Austin Powers In Goldmember		Austin Powers In Goldmember		Cradle 2 The Grave			Quick Change (10:40PM)	Quick Change (10:40PM)		Malibu's Most Wanted
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Disney Channel	Totally Spies	Lizzie Mcguire	Even Stevens	That's So Raven	Martin Mystery	Totally Spies	The Legend Of Tarzan	Lilo & Stitch/ Untalkative Bunny	Mickey Mouse and Friends	Wonderful World Of Disney	Wonderful World Of Disney (7:30 PM)		My Wife And Kids	That's So Raven	Even Stevens	America's Funniest Home Video	Wonderful World Of Disney		
Cinemax			The Animal (4:15 PM)		The Animal (4:15 PM)	Calendar Girl (5:45 PM)				The Dentist	The Dentist (7:30 PM)		Endangered Species			Charlotte Gray	Charlotte Gray (10:30PM)		
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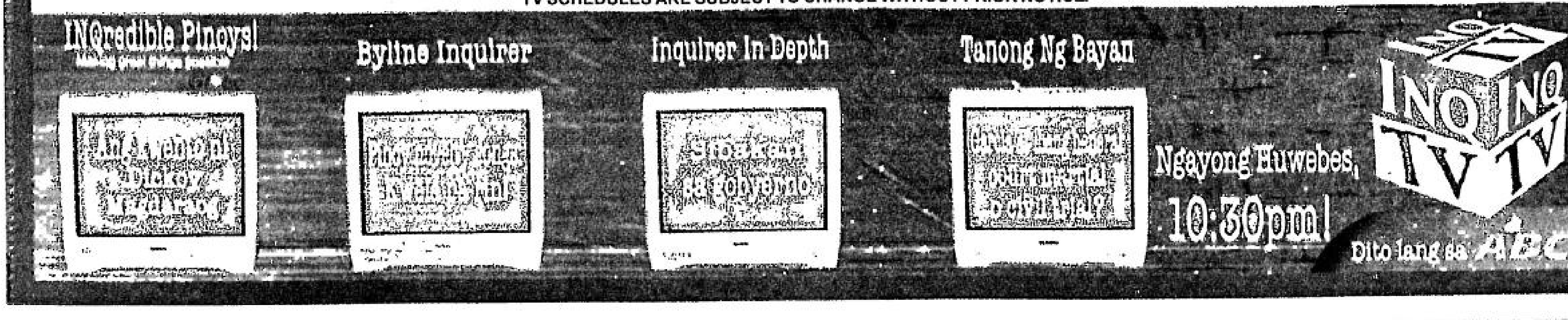

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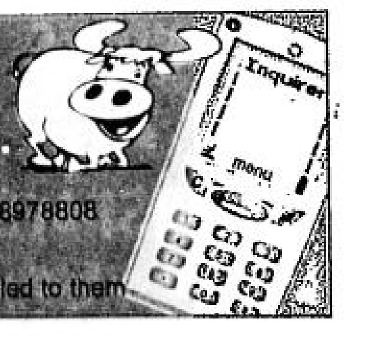

Seeking to survive stardom

DOLLYWOOD

Dolly Ann Carvajal

THE FIRST-ever reality-TV type *artista* search in the country is back with a new set of 14 young hopefuls prepared to jump into a grand battle of wits, talents, looks and personality for the coveted title, "StarStruck Ultimate Survivors."

Hosted by youth icons **Dingdong Dantes** and **Jolina Magdangal**, this second StarStruck edition premiered on Oct. 11 and received very high ratings during its entire pilot week. Now, the search is ready to replicate its phenomenal feat with the finalists handpicked from over 10,000 Filipino youths aged 14 to 17 years old who registered for the competition.

The new StarStruck Final 14 are: **Ailyn Luna, Ana David, Benj Pacia, Chris Martin, CJ Muere, Jelaine Santos, Ken Punzalan, Kevin Santos, Kirby De Jesus, Krizzy Jareño, LJ Reyes, Megan Young, Mike Tan,** and **Ryza Cenon**. At season's end, only one pair will snag the title and become the country's newest teen millionaires: the grand prize consists of P2 million worth of exclusive management contract and P1 million in cash.

Show biz lines

I enjoyed watching the 14 StarStruck teens strut their stuff when they were presented to the press last Monday. The pretty young things and cool dudes were all jittery, but somehow managed to pull it off. GMA 7's honing and grooming have apparently served them well. My media colleagues and I had fun picking bets for the top four winners.

We all agreed that each of the contestants was a dead ringer for a certain celebrity or another. For instance, Megan Young is a cross between **Dawn Zulueta** and **Vanessa del Bianco**, Kevin Santos looks like former teen star **Chuckie Dreyfuss**, LJ Reyes resembles **Gelli de Belen**, Ryza Cenon could pass for **Angel Locsin**'s sister, and Kirby De Jesus is a younger version of **Marc Nelson**.

Be that as it may, I'm sure the finalists would rather shine on their own merits.

I got to chat with some of them, including Megan, Ailyn and Krizzy. The three girls share the same sentiments about how much StarStruck has changed their lives.

And they swear there's no rivalry/jealousy brewing in their batch: "We are all close friends. We support each other."

This early, the finalists already know how to blurt out show biz answers. Comes with the package, huh?

With the help of the StarStruck Council—composed of award-winning actor **Christopher De Leon**, veteran actor-comedian and StarStruck resident council member **Joey De Leon**, and renowned director **Louie Ignacio**—the search will present intensified challenges and more surprising twists night after night. The contestants will have to demonstrate what it's like to believe in the power of their dreams. However, as in the first StarStruck season, their number will gradually decrease as one of them bids goodbye during each heart-stopping elimination night aired live every Friday.

Stardom's worth

As the teen star wannabes paraded on stage, I wondered if pursuing stardom is worth dropping their studies for (in the meantime or for good). I don't intend to rain on their parade. It just reminded me of my son **Icey**, who was a child star. He even won Best Child Actor at age five. But as soon as he started schooling, I made him quit show biz. He can always go back to it someday if he still wants to. Of course, one learns a lot in show biz, too, but there's nothing like a good solid education, and I'm not talking of the home study program. Maybe GMA 7 could set a precedent and ensure that, over and above the fab cash prizes and material rewards, the StarStruck teens would get a college education. The station could also make sure that the teens' tapings and guestings would suit their class schedules.

Oh, well. My wishful thinking may not even have a bearing on StarStruck Survivors' dreams-come-true. But as they dream and believe, I hope they realize that it takes more than fame and fortune to survive in this beautiful mad world.

FIRST seated (from L)—LJ, Chris, Megan; second row—Ken, Benj, Krizzy, Ryza, Ana; standing—Ailyn, Kirby, CJ, Mike, Jelane, Kevin

Perfect choice

The network could not have tapped a better host than Jolina Magdangal for StarStruck's second season. Jolens started her career at about the same age as the finalists. "I can relate to what they are going through. I know how nervous they are," she said. "It's harder to make it now than when I was starting. [I did not have to] go through [everything] they have to face now—and on cam at that!"

But intrigues? Jolens has survived them all. She gamely clarified all the rumors currently hounding her, like the Star Cinema movie she was supposed to do with erstwhile screen partner **Marvin Agustin**. "I said yes already, but when ABS-CBN said I should also do a telenovela, I backed out," she said. "My hands are full with all my shows on GMA. I owe ABS-CBN a lot, but I am also grateful to GMA for being there when I needed to recharge my career. I have no contract with GMA [but] I'm staying on… although I don't want to burn my bridges with ABS."

She just laughs off rumors that former StarStruck host **Nancy Castiglione** is mad at her. "It was management's decision for me to host [the program]. I thought I would do only 'StarStruck Kids.' Nancy and I are okay. I'm sure she will soon be given a good project."

Still another intrigue hurled her way involves Fil-Am celebrity **Jasmine Trias**. "I'm flattered that people say she looks like me," Jolens said. "'*Di naman siya nagtaray* [she didn't raise a fuss] when asked how she felt about us looking alike. So why should I react negatively?"

Jolens was bombarded with more provocative questions when she faced the press that night, but she remained as effervescent as ever. Nothing can burst her bubble—that's how it is with deserving icons.

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> This early, the 14 new StarStruck finalists are spouting show biz lines. Part of the training?

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Sam Raimi presents the US remake of Japanese horror 'The Grudge'

After the success of the Steven Spielberg produced remake of 'THE RING' comes another US remake of another Japanese horror 'THE GRUDGE' from Sam Raimi (director of Spiderman).

"The Grudge is one of the most terrifying films I'd ever seen," says producer Sam Raimi (Spiderman).

SARAH MICHELLE GELLAR in "THE GRUDGE"

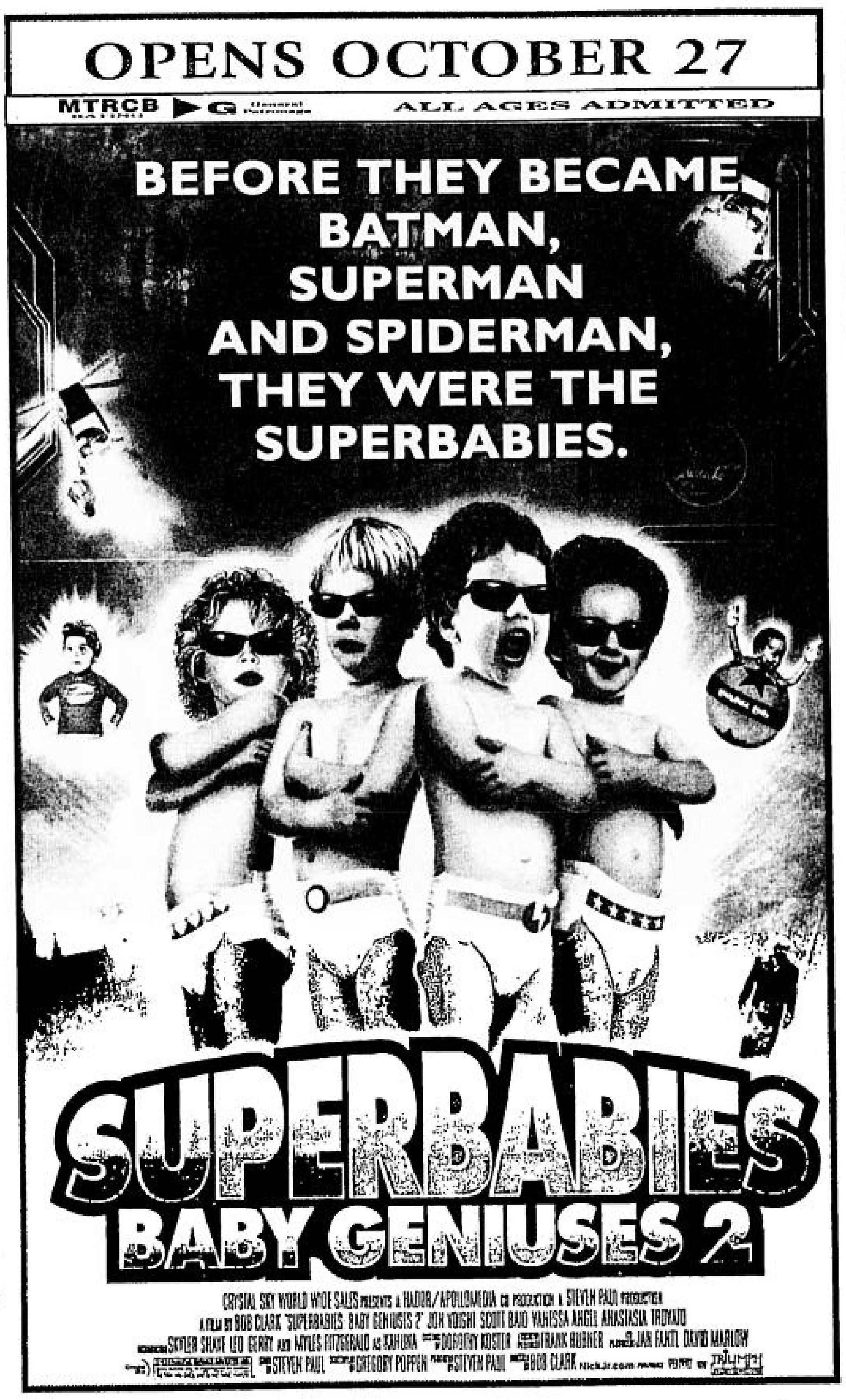
THE AMERICAN CAST

Raimi was able to gather a strong cast of prominent young American actors as well as seasoned veterans including Sarah Michelle Gellar (BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER) and Bill Pullman (INDEPENDENCE DAY).

Coming off a seven-year stint in the wildly successful TV series "Buffy The Vampire Slayer," Sarah Michelle Gellar assumed the role of the central character, Karen.

"It's the kind of film that affects you on a subconscious level. It deals with inner fears we have such as the transmogrifications of our bodies when we die. It also brings up the rather disturbing question that if you died and were not at peace or came to an untimely end, what would happen to you?" say Gellar.

"Everyone loves to go to a movie and be scared. And the scariest things are the ones that could actually happen, like something of the things in The Grudge. Those are the moments that frighten you to the core and resonate long after you've left the theater." •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Filipino film industry is changing

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

THESE days, it's cynically fashionable to moan and groan that the Filipino movie industry is dying, if not already dead, buried or cremated. As usual, we resist such facile and trendy cynicism.

When we meet the doom-and-gloomers, we point out to them that, way back in the 1950s, a famous film icon was already grieving over the "death" of local movies.

As subsequent events turned out, he was way off-mark. Our "dead" movie industry went on to experience a new Golden Age in the '70s, before falling prey once more to the usual suspects—excessive taxation, unenlightened censorship, colonial mentality, lack of creativity, audience-alienating sex and violence, and the pervasive pall of commercialism.

> It's neither dead nor dying, but we'd better keep up with the rapidly evolving times

In fact, the famous griever was himself outlived by the industry whose "passing" he had been mourning. And so it could also be with today's moaners and groaners.

No doubt, Filipino movies are in very dire straits. From an annual production high of some 200 films to last year's 80 or so is a huge drop, causing many film workers to go jobless and scrounge around for other means of making money (for instance, quite a number of our movie stuntmen are now driving cabs).

But the film industry is neither dying nor dead, so let's stop this pointless ululation. It would be much more useful for all of us if we could focus on the often ignored or misunderstood fact that the Filipino film industry is *changing*—so we'd better keep up with the rapidly evolving times.

The big change is from a moviehouse-based mass audience to a less general and theater-sited viewership. So, niche audiences are being created, which should be serviced with niche-specific movies.

In addition, filmmaking itself has been changing. With digital movies fast coming into vogue, it's now less expensive to shoot a film, so many more filmmakers aside from the major studios are entering the film production scene.

Yes, the process of converting digital movies to 35 mm is expensive. But some theater circuits are investing in digital projection equipment, so this extra cost will be cancelled out.

The local film landscape will be much more varied than it's ever been. So, instead of feeling disheartened, our film people should get challenged and even excited by the filmmaking prospects that are unfolding.

Feedback

FROM **Alwyn R. Romago** of Pasay City: "Your efforts to remind the TV networks of their responsibilities to viewers are well-appreciated. I especially learned a lot from your comment that the airwaves belong not to the TV companies but to the Filipino people. Thus, the TV networks are required by their franchise to provide responsible and balanced programming.

"It's obvious, of course, that what we see on our TV screens falls far short of this. So, it's time for viewers to complain, and to pressure government to require the TV companies to live up to their pledge, otherwise the franchises should be given to more responsible broadcasters…"

Open house at CCP

"IKATLONG Tagpo: The 2004 National Theater Festival," starts on Nov. 7 with an open house from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cultural Center of the Philippines. The open house offers live previews of the 35 productions in the musical-theater festival.

At 11 a.m. at Tanghalang Nicanor Abelardo, there will be production numbers from the festival's gala events.

At the Tanghalang Aurelio Tolentino at 1 p.m., "Hans Christian Andersen Must Be Filipino"; at 2 p.m., "Hibik at Himagsik nina Victoria Lactaw; at 3 p.m., "Nang Mabasag ang Banga"; and at 4 p.m., "Himala."

At the Tanghalang Huseng Batute at 1 p.m., "Si Maria at si Kiling"; at 2 p.m., "Tipik sa Panahon"; at 3 p.m., "Saranggola ni Pepe"; and at 4 p.m., "Isko, Iska."

At the Bulwagang Amado Hernandez at 1 p.m., "Calenda de Loboc"; at 2 p.m., "Prinsipe ng Buwan"; at 3 p.m., "Uyayi ni Chin Chin"; and at 4 p.m., "Biringan."

At the Bulwagang Francisca Reyes-Aquino at 1 p.m., "Sita & Rama"; at 2 p.m., "Hudhud: Ifugao Epic Chant"; at 3 p.m., "Titser ng Bayan"; and at 4 p.m., "Oya Arakan/ Salima."

At the Silangan hall, a preview of the cabaret shows is slated at noon, and the Silly People's Invitational Theater preview is at 6 p.m.

A trade fair and arts market will be held throughout the day. And flashbacks of the first and second National Theater Festivals are scheduled at the CCP Dream Theater. Call 832-1125, local 1606.

DID YOU KNOW…

Criselda Volks, currently embroiled in a verbal tussle with fellow sexy starlet Aleck Bovic, looks none the worse for the simmering scandal. She was spotted contentedly—even gleefully—at the Power Plant Mall in Makati City on Tuesday afternoon. And she walked hand-in-hand with young actor Cris Villanueva. With her other hand she led a little boy.

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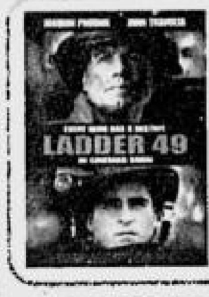

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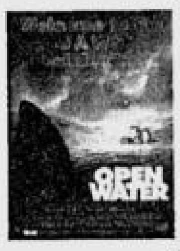

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Osang loses in 'suit swap' with Belo

ROCES: Arrest in three days?

By Marinel R. Cruz

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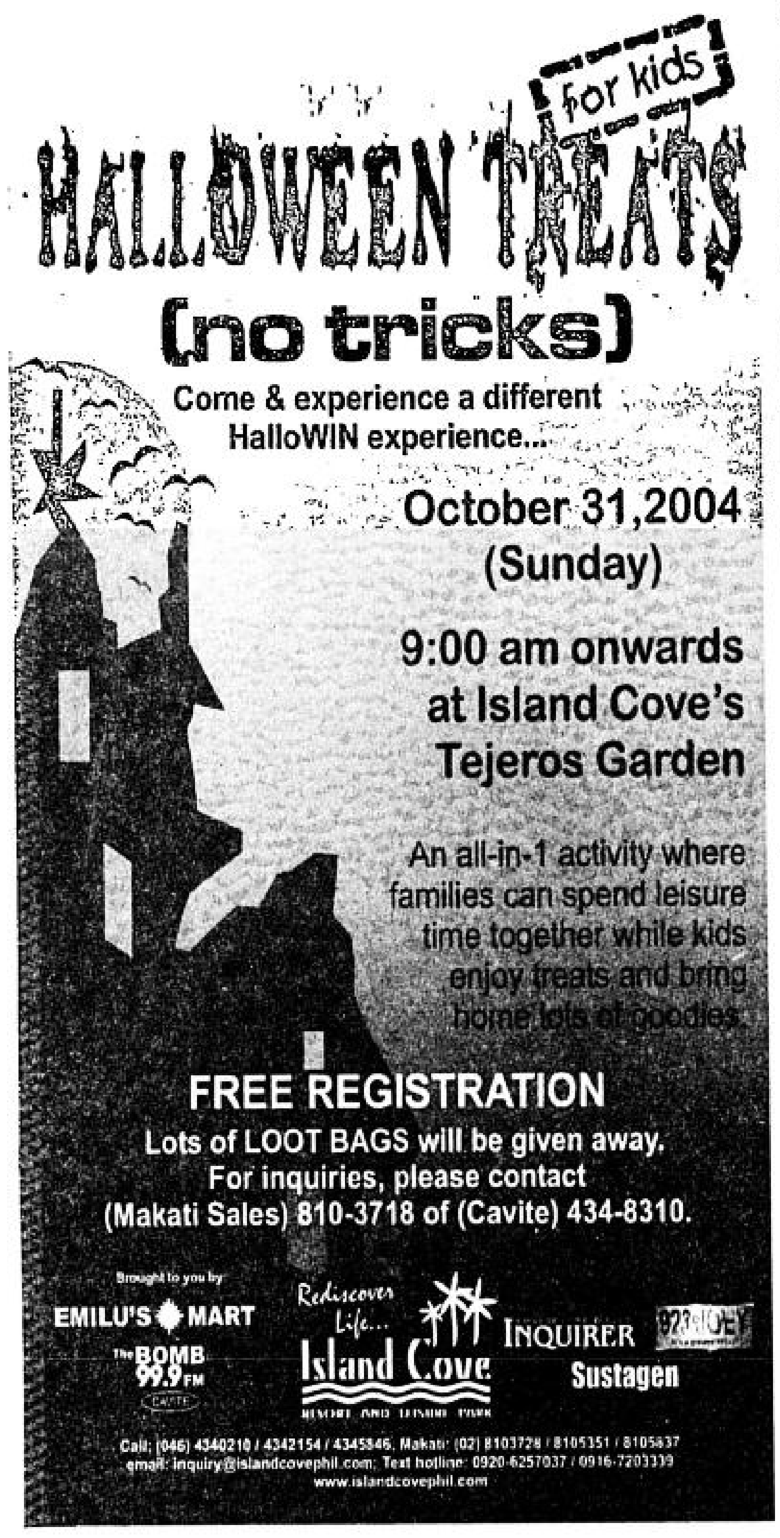
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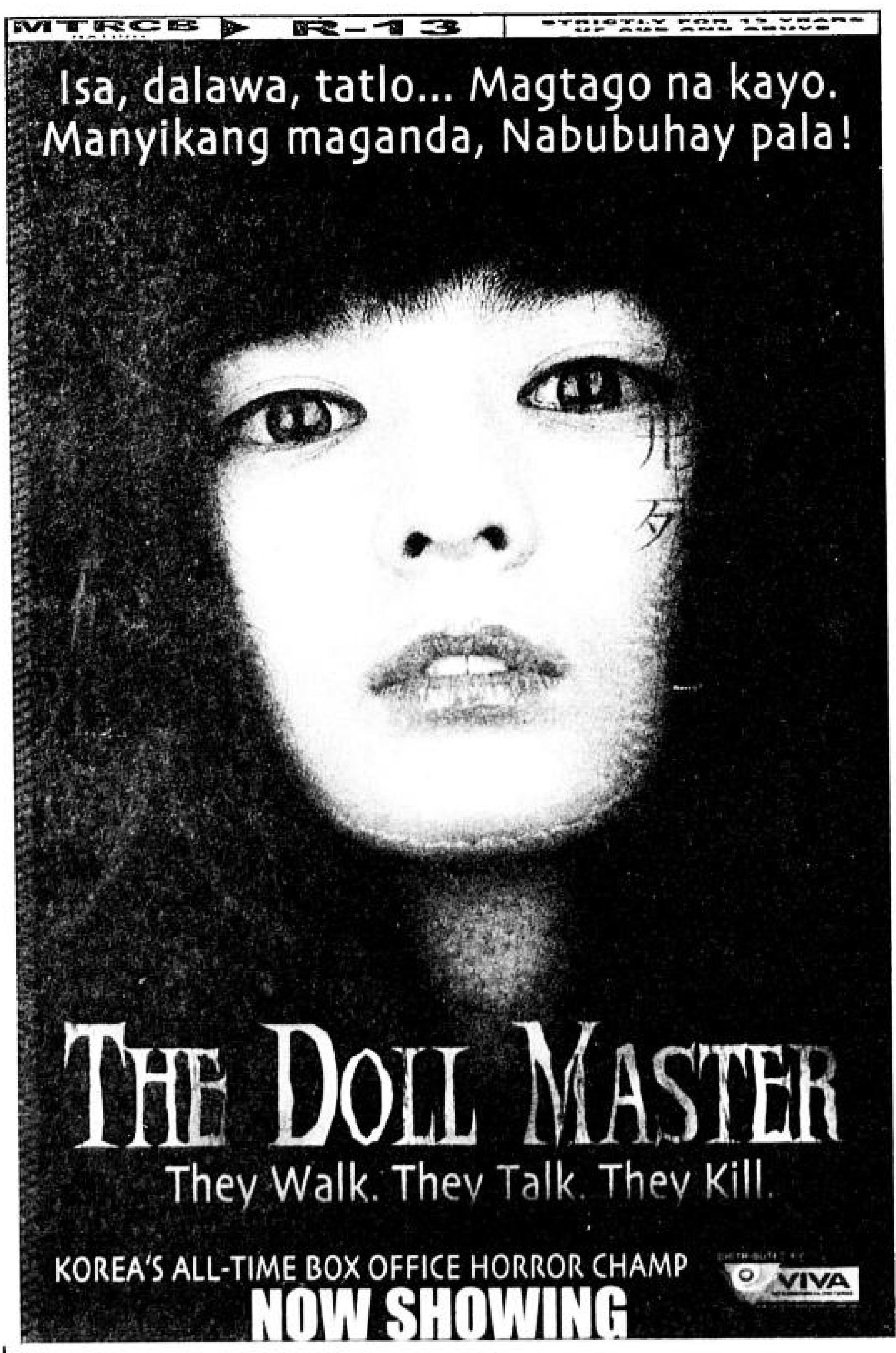
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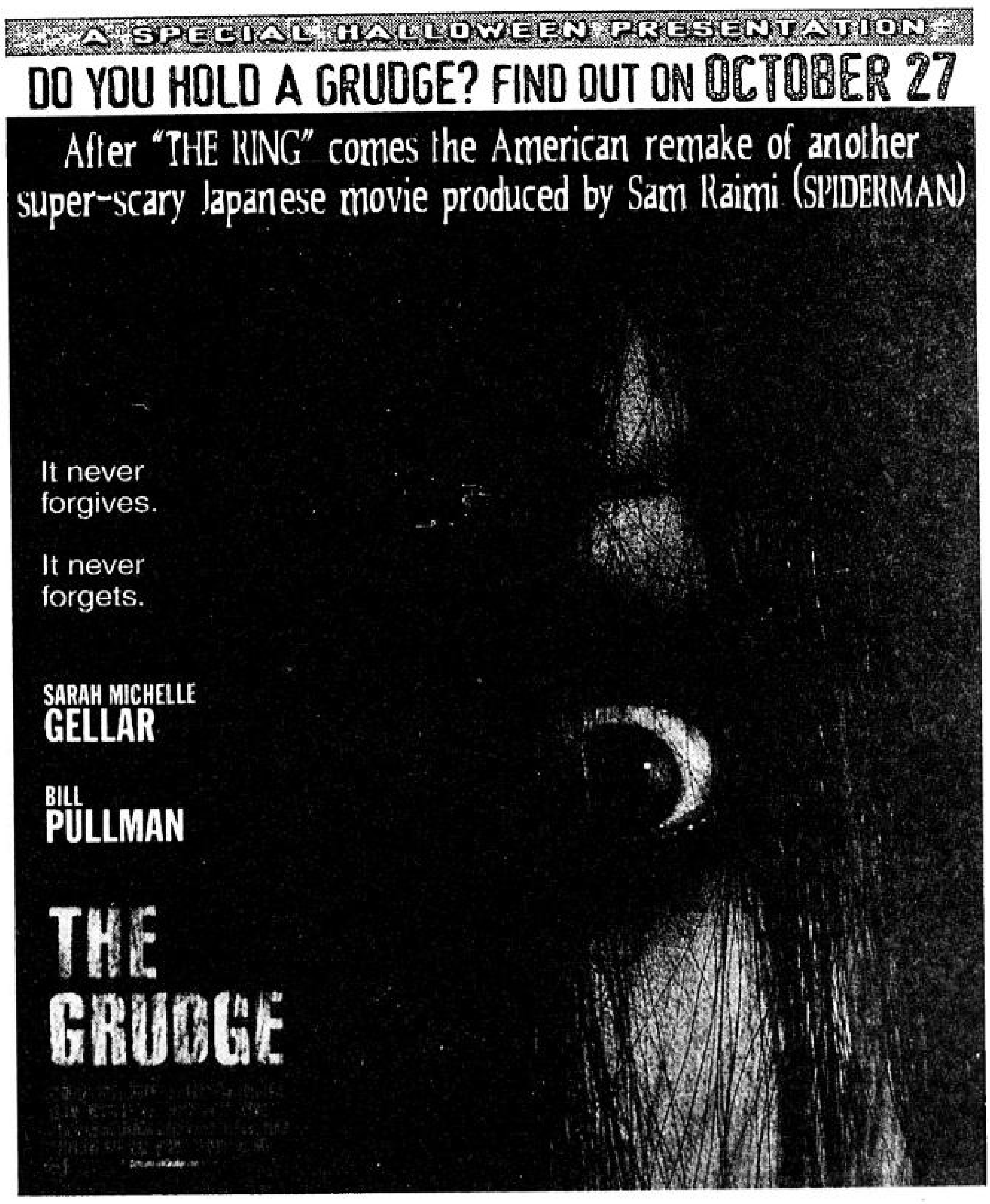
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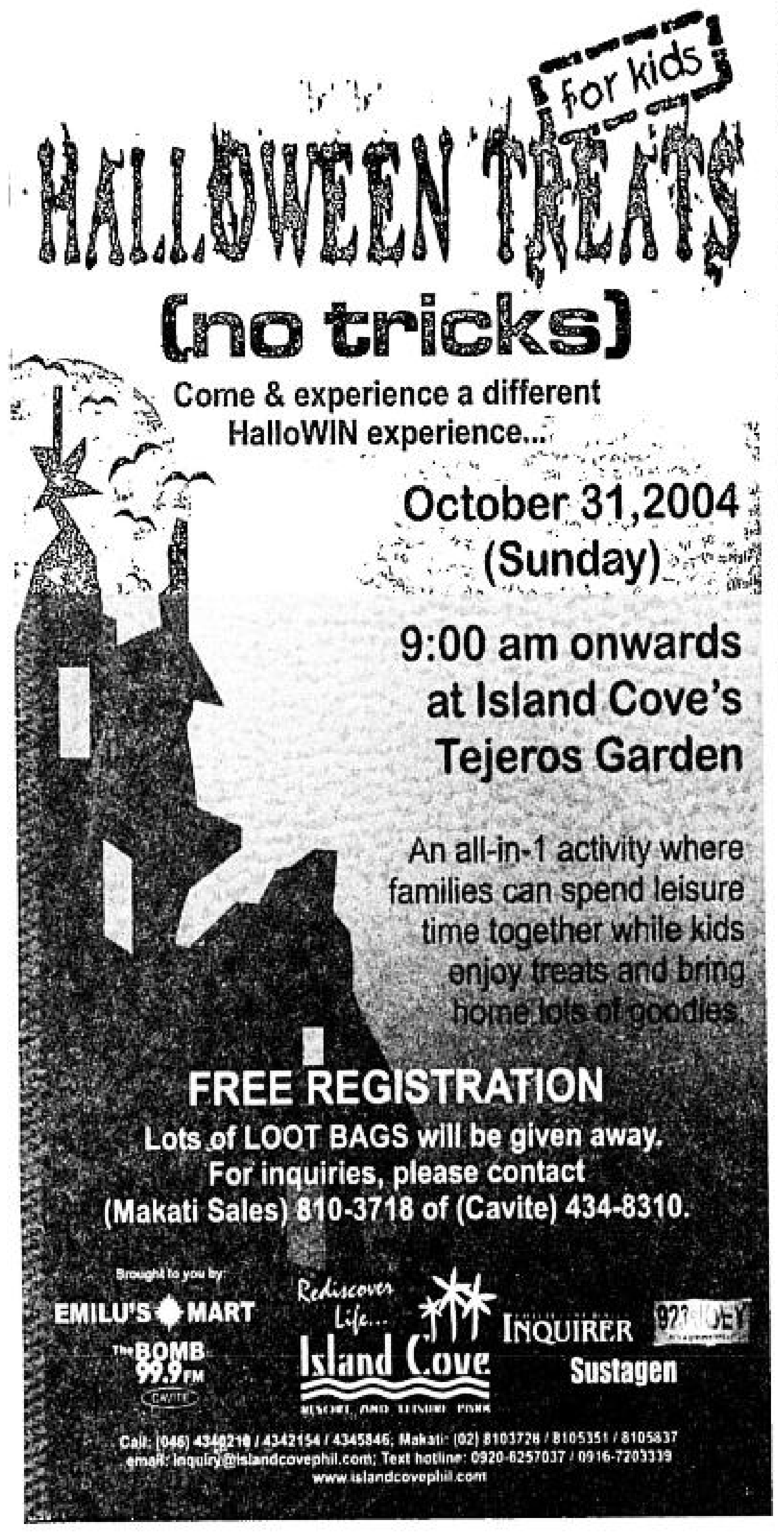

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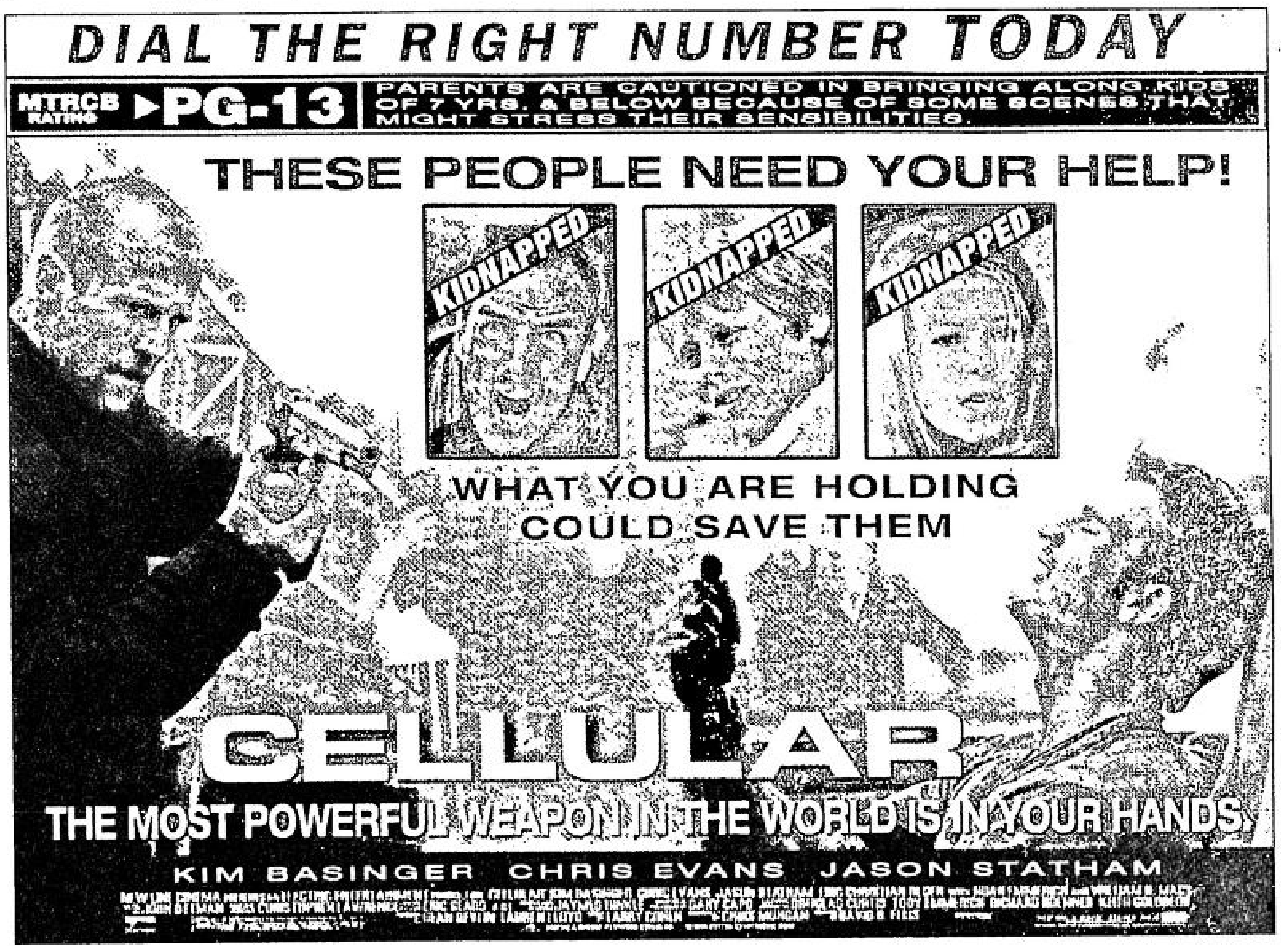

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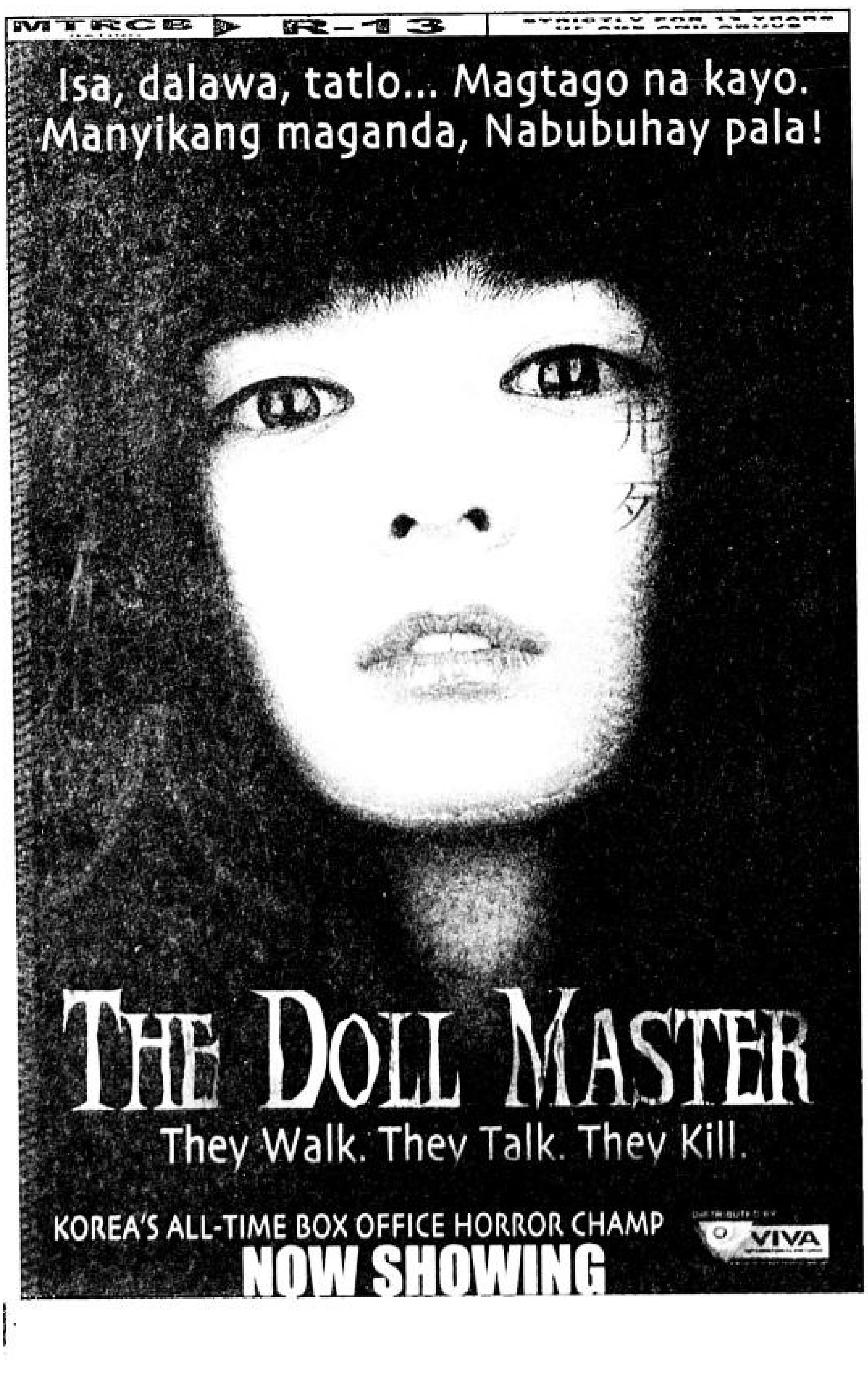

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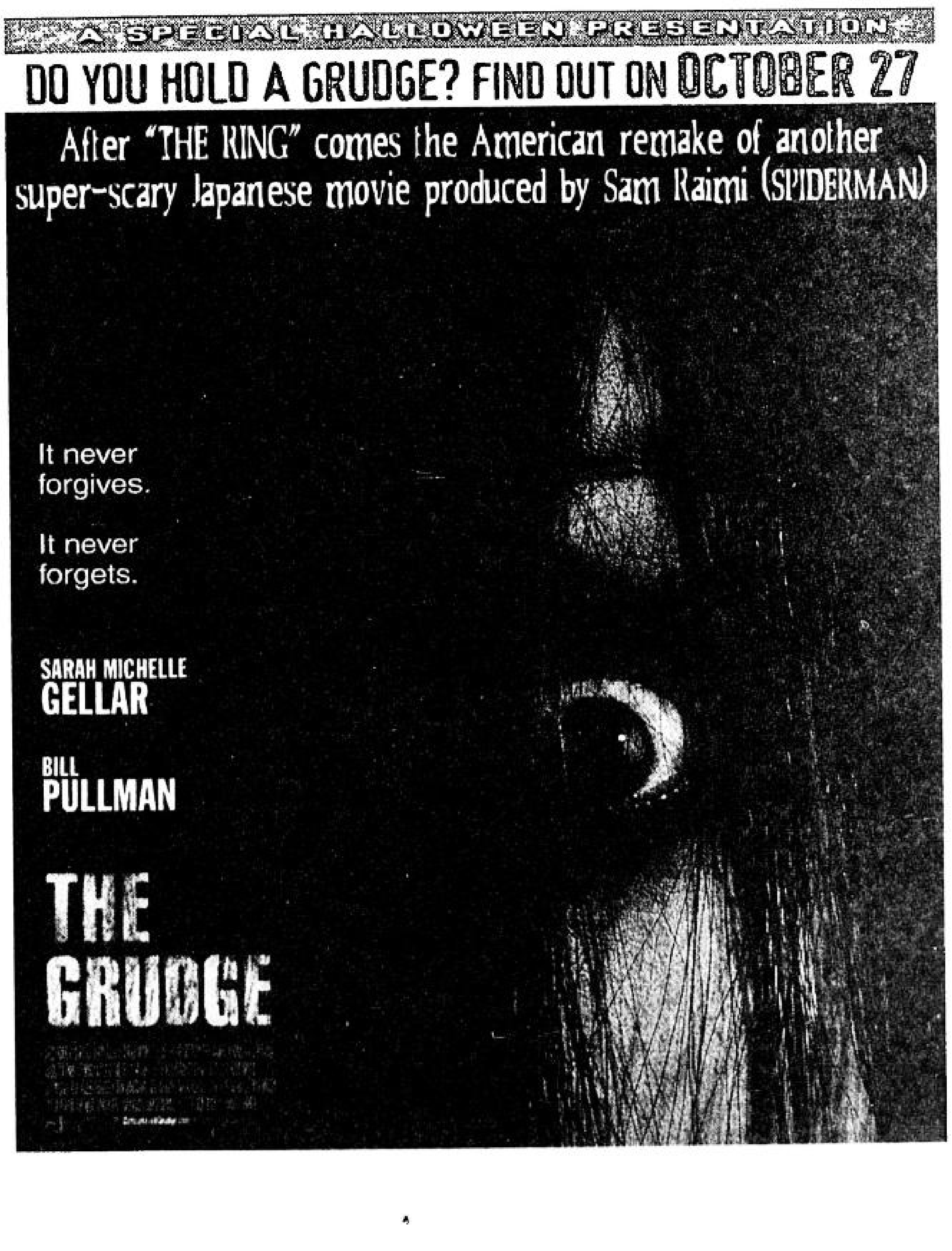

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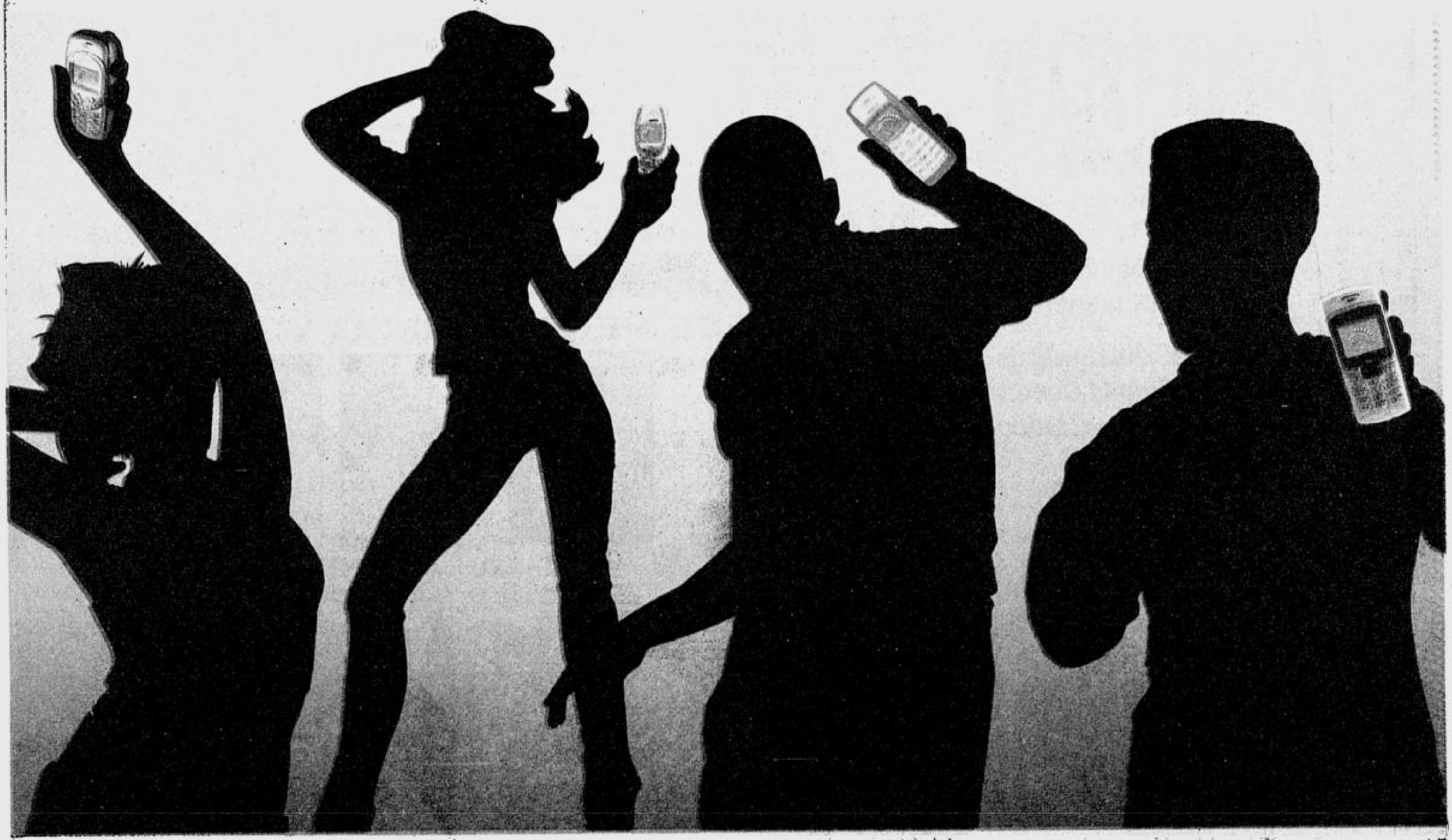

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Firm seeks 388% hike in North toll rates

By Clarissa S. Batino

MANILA North Tollways Corp. yesterday said it would ask the Toll Regulatory Board in November to approve a 388-percent increase in the North Luzon Expressway toll fees once the Lopez-led consortium takes over the NLEX later this year or in early 2005.

MNTC president Jose "Ping" de Jesus said the consortium would still submit for the TRB's approval the new toll rates at the NLEX even if the Supplemental Toll Operation Agreement (STOA) signed by MNTC and the government in 1998 allowed the new tollway operator to implement a new toll fee scheme.

"MNTC is targeting to complete the new NLEX by December, or two months ahead of schedule. Once tollway operations are turned over to the group, then we would start charging the new fees that would be approved by the TRB," he said.

MNTC is a consortium among Lopez-owned First Philippine Infrastructure Development Corp., which owns 68 of the company, state-owned Philippine National Construction Corp. with 2.5 percent, French firm Egis with 13 percent, and Australian firm Leighton Asia Ltd. with 16.5 percent.

MNTC's Tollway Management Corp. will operate the NLEX for 30 years starting this yearend or early next year once the consortium shall have completed the upgrade and rehabilitation of the 84-kilometer highway running from Balintawak to Sta. Ines in Pampanga. By 2030, the group will turn over the highway to the government.

De Jesus said that once the TRB has approved the new toll rates, cars and jeeps or class 1 vehicles would have to pay P200 for the entire stretch, light trucks or class 2 vehicles would shell out P500 and trucks or class 3 vehicles would be charged P600.

After a toll fee increase in July, PNNC now charges P41 for cars and jeeps, P82 for light trucks and P123 for heavy trucks that pass the NLEX. MNTC's new rate would mean a 388-percent increase for class 1 and 3 vehicles and 510 percent for class 2 vehicles.

De Jesus stressed, however, that on average, class 1 vehicles travel only an average of 31 kilometers. "This means that the average motorist would pay only P75 when they use the NLEX. Only 7 out of 100 motorists travel the full length," he noted. About 150,000 motorists use the NLEX daily.

MNTC's toll structure is comprised of a flat P42 for class 1 vehicles from Balintawak to Marilao and P2.49 per kilometer from there to Sta. Ines. The fee scheme is comprised of a base rate of P14 and P82 centavos per km., which were adjusted depending on inflation and foreign exchange.

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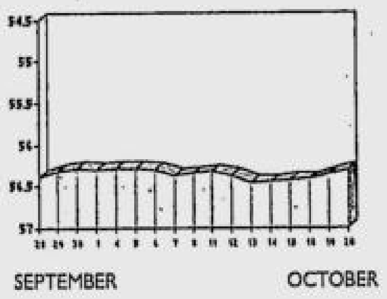

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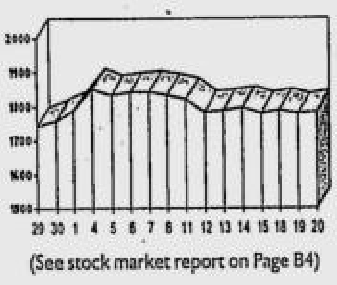

(See stock market report on Page B4)

SHARE prices closed 0.34 percent higher on selective support yesterday as the market awaited more definite leads, dealers said.

Concerns over the effects of high oil prices on consumer spending and corporate profits continued to weigh on sentiment, they said.

The Philippine Stock Exchange composite index added 6.08 points to 1,784.93 after moving between 1,778.15 and 1,787.93.

Turnover was 878.05 million shares worth P667.6 million after 897.6 million shares worth P850.8 million on Tuesday.

The broader all-shares index rose 0.32 points to 1,114.31.

However, losers beat gainers 38 to 25, with 49 stocks unchanged.

"It's a very dull trading day in the absence of catalysts," said Lawrence de Leon of Accord Capital Equities.

"Investors are not taking aggressive positions and the overall breadth is negative owing to concerns about high oil prices, rising inflation and the increasing likelihood of an interest rate hike by the central bank."

He said investors took a cautious stance after blue-chip Jollibee Foods Corp. opened the earnings-reporting season Monday with slower net profit growth in the third quarter to September reflecting the impact of high oil prices.

Philippine Long Distance Telephone was unchanged at P1,405, Globe Telecom was also flat at P1,050 while Digital Telecommunications Philippines added four centavos to P1.38. *AFP*

AmCham says RP competitiveness still sliding

By Ronnel W. Domingo

VARIOUS studies showed that the country's competitiveness was sliding and that the current political and economic situation could cause investors to move to other countries, according to the American Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines.

John D. Forbes, chair of AmCham's legislative committee, yesterday presented the group's roadmap to attracting more foreign investment during the group's yearly general membership meeting.

AmCham noted "the further erosion of Philippine international competitiveness" as measured in several indexes:

- based on Wall Street Journal's and Heritage Fund's Index of Economic Freedom covering 154 countries, the country slid to 74th rank in 2003 from 70th in 2001;
- Transparency International said the country dropped to 92nd out of 133 countries in 2003 from 65th in 2001;
- the World Competitiveness Yearbook, which covers 60 countries ranked the Philippines at 52nd in 2004 from 40th in 2002;
- the World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness, which covers 102 countries, showed that the country placed 76th in 2004 from 48th in 2001.

Forbes said the government should undertake comprehensive reforms, particularly in transportation and power infrastructure.

In brief, AmCham's updated roadmap urged the government to modernize infrastructure, improve governance, slow population growth, speed up legal reforms, reverse the loss of people's skills in the English language, and improve security.

Citing a Gallup survey on the Philippines conducted this year, Forbes said corruption and an unstable government and political system continued to be the top two concerns of investors.

Businesses were also worried about the status of infrastructure, laws and regulations, tax structure, new business incentives, local protectionism, personal security and free movement of goods.

Forbes said that while the inflow of new foreign investment was inadequate and declining, the status quo could cause foreign investors to relocate.

Data from the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development showed that foreign direct investments to the Philippines grew at a relatively flat rate between 1998 and 2002—$1.7 billion to $1.1 billion—compared with those in neighboring countries in Southeast Asia.

According to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, net foreign direct investments fluctuated from $1.6 billion in 1995 to $2.2 billion in 1998 to $319 million in 2003.

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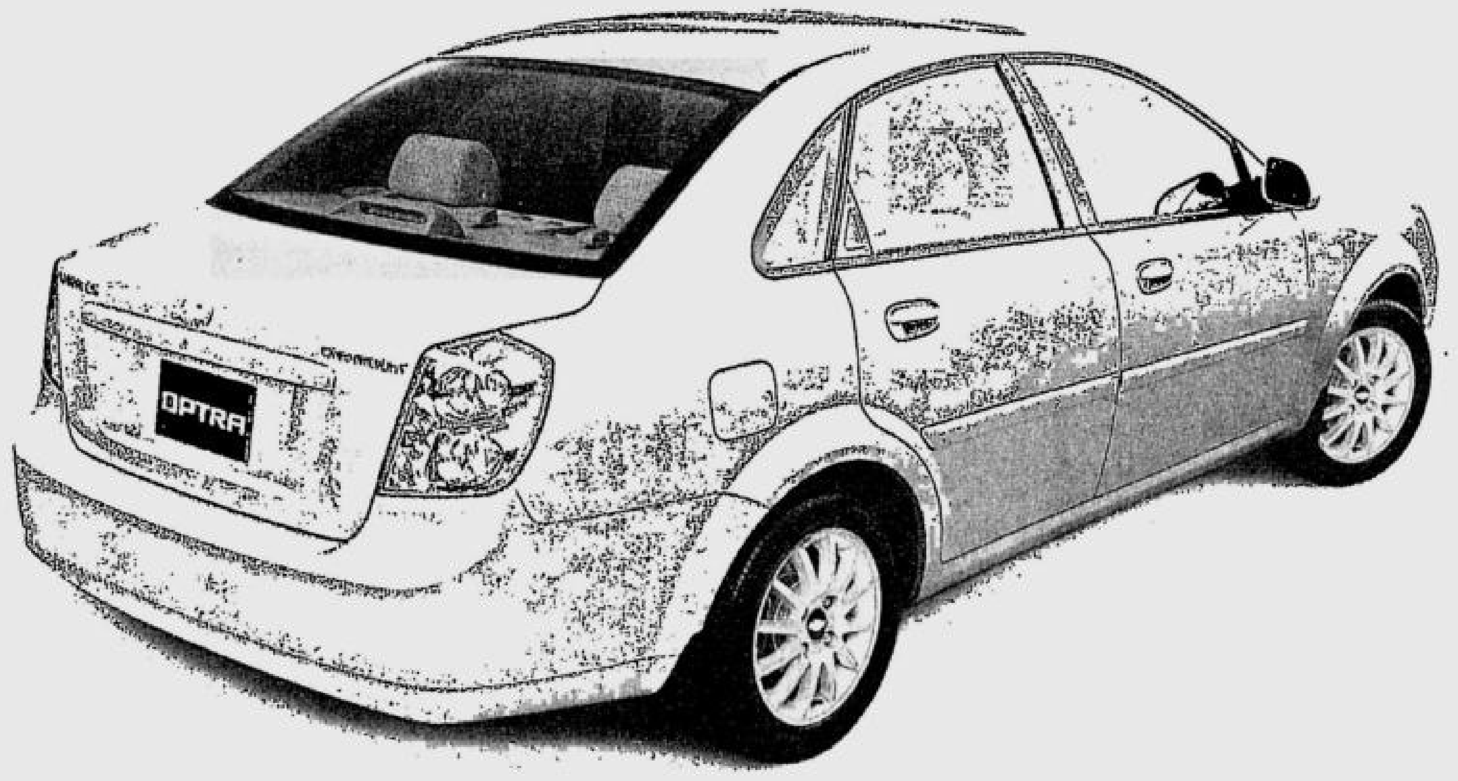

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20%	142,000	48,933	33,509	26,599	19,107	15,370	13,172
25%	177,500	45,768	31,338	24,877	17,870	14,375	12,310
30%	213,000	42,597	29,168	23,156	16,634	13,381	11,466
35%	248,500	39,427	26,998	21,435	15,397	12,386	10,613
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There, the problem is solved! What a relief!

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IN THE press conference, it seems that Gloriaetta herself, and not just her spin doctors, told media that she was asking Congress to pass new tax measures by yearend.

We are facing a fiscal crisis, according to this cute administration, and so it is pushing for a package of eight new taxes in Congress.

How will it go about it?

Well, Gloriaetta just gave Congress a deadline to approve four of the eight measures.

By yearend—okay? Barely two months to go!

And she asked Congress for this all-important speedy passage of the measures by going directly to media.

It seems that media should relay the message to Congress, and the lawmakers should be expected to jump at once.

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METHINKS this so-called power of the press is a bit overestimated.

You see, based on the principles of flimsy underwear marketing, that power only stems from media's ability to influence public opinion.

Public opinion can thus put pressure on the lawmakers to give, and give immediately, what this cute administration is asking for, which is the tax package.

But then again, it assumes that the public is just crazy about new taxes.

Really, no amount of "positive" media reporting can convince the already hard-up majority of the people that taxes are good for them.

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WHETHER this cute administration likes it or not, new taxes are always hard to accept.

Gloriaetta cannot escape it: She must gamble a little of her "popularity" (which I presume she still enjoys, since she won in the elections), because she must force the new taxes upon us, whether we like them or not. There is no other way.

The way I see it, if nothing happens to this cute administration's tax package in Congress, the public will even thank the lawmakers.

That's what this cute administration is facing in Congress. The lawmakers need a lot of convincing. After all, they are up for re-election just two years from now. To them, new taxes are always a political gamble, too.

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STILL, let's give credit to Gloriaetta for hitting the fingernail right at the head butt of the fiscal crisis, or something idiomatic (or idiotic) like that.

First of all, people in business, including our creditors abroad, plus some potential investors, are watching this cute administration's moves to avert the fiscal crisis.

They are waiting for some concrete measures. Those pending new taxes in Congress are the most watched items in this cute administration's economic agenda.

Most probably, therefore, the Palace hastily called for the press release, because Gloriaetta wanted to impress upon business that the tax measures would be forthcoming.

Four of the eight measures in the package of new taxes by yearend, is not a bad start.

According to Gloriaetta, those four measures by themselves can boost business confidence.

That, actually, is the key.

We need a massive dose of confidence. I hate to admit it, but I find myself agreeing with Gloriaetta on this one. Sorry, okay?

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FOR the thinking in business is, no amount of new taxes can solve the fiscal crisis.

It is a big problem, involving hundreds of billions of pesos in the budget deficit, for one, and for another, trillions of pesos in national debt.

None of that can be covered by new taxes, particularly at this time of bad business in the highly-taxed sectors of the economy.

You know—manufacturing, real estate, banking, etc.

Agriculture may be doing fine, and so do some in the export industries, but those sectors are mostly...well, "tax-exempt."

And so they say that there is a limit to the taxes which this economy can bear right now. In fact, some think we are already over it.

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THUS, solving the crisis by imposing new taxes until we are bleeding to death will only probably make the problem worse.

More businesses may close down, losing sales due to prohibitive add-on taxes.

Really, we can only get out of this fiscal mess, if the economy continues to grow across the board. Meaning, not just agriculture and OFW deployment!

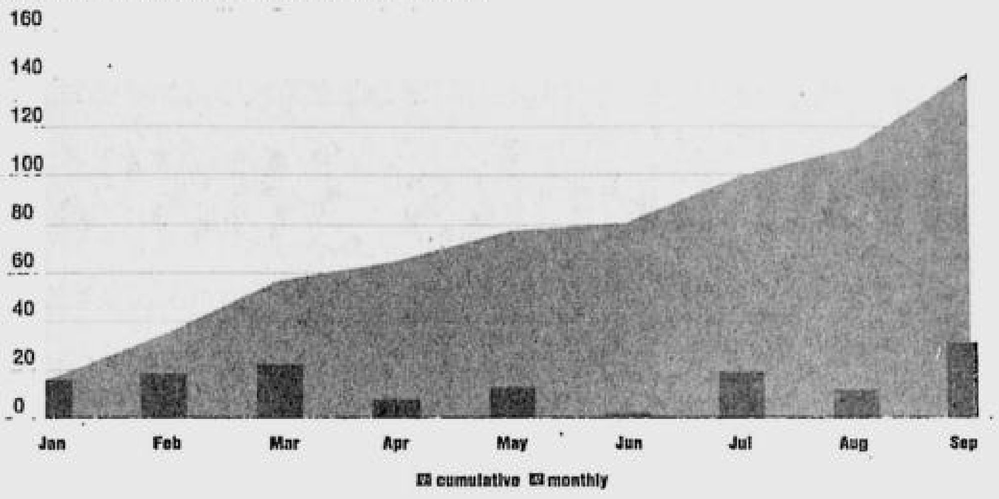
And there is only way for the economy to grow—make it a "sustainable growth," in the parlance of economists. And that is, investments.

Are a lot of people investing in new business ventures? Well, our generals would rather bring their dollars out of the country, right?

And there's not much investment because confidence is down. As a matter of strategy, Gloriaetta thus wants to boost business confidence.

How? By imposing more punishing taxes on business, unfortunately!

BUDGET DEFICIT
January to September 2004, in billion pesos



Q3 deficit hits P61.8B

By Michelle V. Remo

THE GOVERNMENT has kept its budget deficit in the third quarter below the ceiling of P63.127 billion, due to increased revenue collection that tempered effects of overspending.

The Department of Finance announced yesterday that the budget deficit reached P61.787 billion in the third quarter, bringing the deficit in the first nine months to P141.907 billion.

Revenue during the third quarter period exceeded the target of P168.126 billion, but expenditures of P234.89 billion also breached the P231.89-billion target.

The nine-month deficit came in below the ceiling of P143.341 billion, but a little more than the P142.703 billion recorded during the same period last year.

Revenues for the first nine months stood at P516.395 billion compared with the P658.302-billion expenditure.

The better-than-programmed revenue collection for the third quarter was attributed largely to the performance of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, which accounts for about 80 percent of the national government's revenue.

During the period, the BIR collected P114.656 billion, or higher than the target of P168.126 billion.

The BIR's third-quarter collection was also 14.5-percent better than the P151.13 billion collected in the same period last year.

The Bureau of Customs, the government's second largest revenue source, collected P31.208 billion in the quarter, higher than the target of P30.596 billion and last year's collection of P25.278 billion.

"We have made significant efficiency gains in revenue collections with annual growth posting double-digit figures. This is proof enough that the reform measures that we have implemented in past years are working," said Finance Secretary Juanita Amatong in yesterday's briefing.

She said, however, that the government's economic team still has to strongly push for the legislative measures proposed by the Arroyo administration to attain the goal of a zero deficit before the end of the President's term in 2010.

The economic team, which includes the DOF, the National Economic and Development Authority, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, and the Department of Trade and Industry, is pushing for eight revenue-enhancement measures to avert a full-blown fiscal crisis.

The measures include the indexation to inflation of taxes on cigarettes and alcohol, tax amnesty, performance-based lateral attrition for government agencies, rationalization of fiscal incentives, increase in the value added tax rate, P2 increase in petroleum taxes, shift from net to gross income tax, and franchise tax on telecommunication companies.

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FOREX STRATEGY

RP urged to adopt Mexico borrowing model

By Doris C. Dumlao

BUENAVENTURA

BANGKO Sentral ng Pilipinas governor Rafael Buenaventura yesterday said the country could ward off a foreign exchange crisis by following the example of Mexico.

During The Asset Forum on Asean capital markets, Buenaventura said the strategy involved shifting away from the issuance of foreign currency-denominated debt papers.

Instead of tapping the global bond markets every time the need arises, foreign investors could be encouraged to bring in the foreign exchange by buying local securities.

"The foreign exchange arrives here and the foreign investors assume the foreign exchange risk," Buenaventura said.

He noted that Mexico was now sourcing more than 100 percent of its financing requirements from the domestic capital market.

"They now issue more peso-denominated bonds. They don't issue dollar bonds anymore," Buenaventura said.

"However, they developed their infrastructure for the domestic capital markets and improved corporate governance," he said.

To learn more about the Mexican strategy, Buenaventura said the government had invited top officials from the Latin American country's finance ministry to visit the country and share their experience.

To date, the Philippine government sources the bulk of its financing requirements from the domestic market, but relies mainly on local investors.

Buenaventura said there was a need to boost the local domestic market infrastructure to open the doors to more foreign investors, especially since an Asean Bond Fund II with the size of $2 billion was being set up to invest in local bonds.

As of 2003, Buenaventura noted that domestic bonds accounted for only about 40 percent of Philippine gross domestic product, compared with 85 percent for bank assets and 69 percent for equity.

Most of these bonds were in the form of government securities.

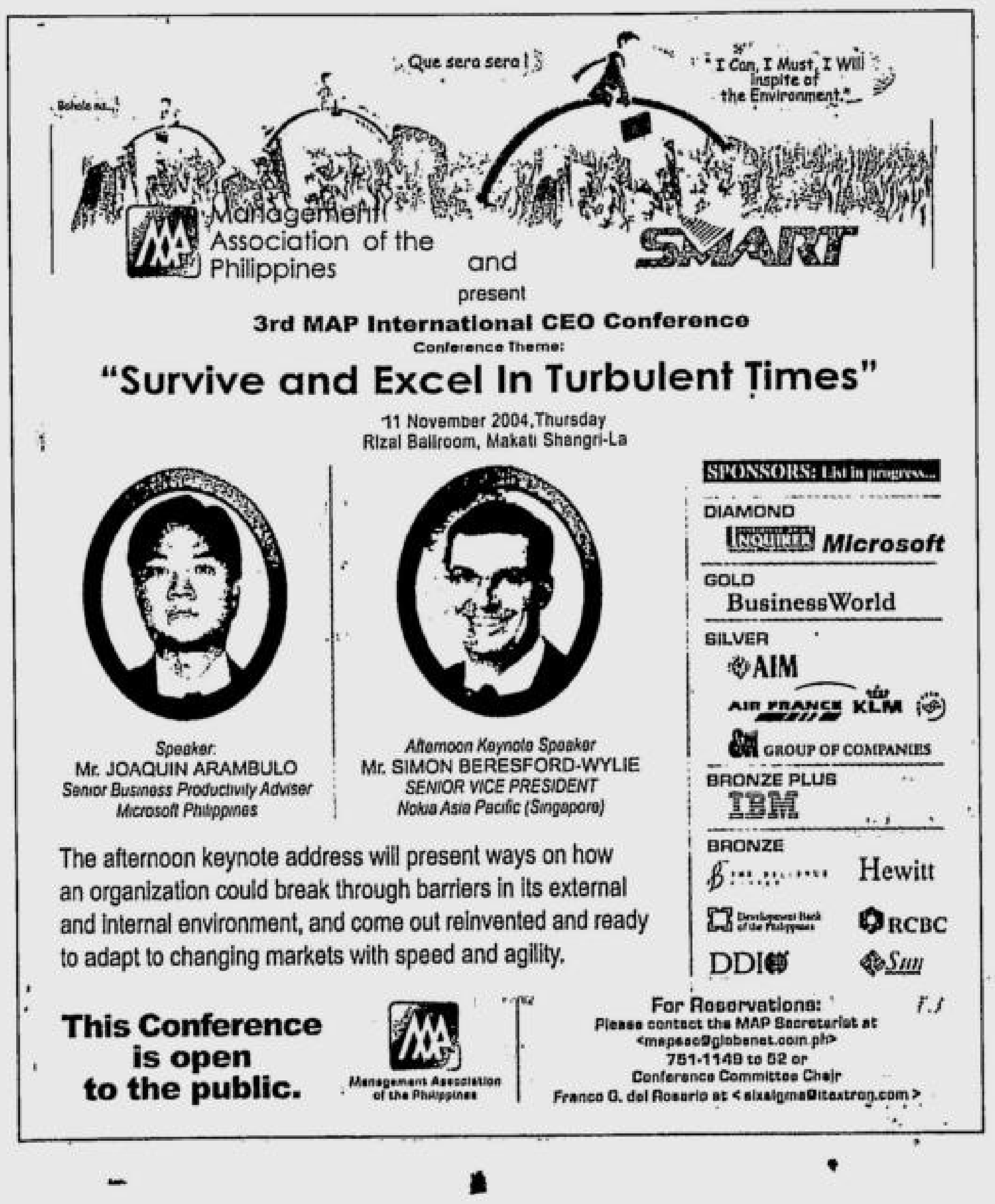
"In developed markets where capital markets are deep, the bond market size ranged from 88 percent of GDP in Euroland and 151 percent in the United States," the BSP chief said.

Buenaventura said recent legislative reforms—such as the elimination of documentary stamp tax on secondary trading, the Special Purpose Vehicle Law and the Asset Securitization—would help spur the domestic capital market.

"Although much progress has already been made, the work is still far from over," he said.

Buenaventura said the BSP would push for more reforms in the financial system, specifically:

- a special legislation to support a strong credit reporting system;
- the enactment of a more balanced bankruptcy resolution framework; and,
- the enactment of the proposed changes to the BSP charter to boost its ability to clean up the banking system and properly enforce prudential standards.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Local meat firms to tap EU mart

By Christine A. Gaylican

THE EUROPEAN Union recently approved the entry of Philippine meat and meat products

THE DEPARTMENT of Agriculture has urged local meat processors to export to the European Union, which recently approved the entry of Philippine meat.

Agriculture Secretary Arthur C. Yap said yesterday that the newly formed National Meat Inspection System was ready to assist the private sector in exporting their products to the sizable new markets in the EU.

"This is a big opportunity to expand the market of local producers. But we must carefully watch the product quality standards," Yap said in a briefing yesterday.

The DA was already working on developing a comprehensive disease surveillance system and has put in place a system for accrediting exporting plants and farms to maintain standards.

"The industry is trying to break off from the alternate positive-negative growth pattern in the last three years," the Livestock Development Council consultant Benjamin Albarece added.

Aside from the EU, other markets waiting to be fully tapped include Japan, the world's top importer of meat products, and the United States, Russian Federation, Mexico, Taiwan, and Singapore.

NMIC Director Efren Nuestro said the recent passage of the Animal Health Code and the Meat Inspection Law would hasten the accreditation process for local meat processors.

There are six companies accredited for export, including San Miguel Corp. and TLC Beatrice Philippines.

Agribusiness firms, led by Century Canning Corp., exported some 87,324 kilograms of processed meat products to Australia, Japan, Hong Kong, Bahrain and the Middle East from January to June this year.

Processed products include canned Filipino delicacies, such as Lechon Paksiw, Sisig and Bistik Tagalog, Adobo and locally manufactured hotdogs, corned beef and pork and beans.

These are popular among Filipino migrant workers, according to data from the National Meat Inspection Commission (NMIC).

Purefoods-Hormel exported some 13,665 kilograms of hotdogs and corned beef to Bahrain and South Korea.

Piling Piling Pinoy, Gold Ribbon Foods Inc., Zarit Trading and Eldon Foods, on the other hand, shipped a mix of corned beef and processed meat to these countries.

San Miguel Foods Inc. and Swift Foods Inc., meanwhile, delivered some 32,904 kilograms and 3,678 kilograms of fresh frozen chicken, respectively, to Japan in the first six months.

8-month investments up 474% to ₱146.6B

By Ronnel W. Domingo

TOTAL investments approved in the first eight months went up by 474 percent due to increased ventures in infrastructure and manufacturing, the Department of Trade and Industry reported.

Documents from the DTI showed that the Board of Investments and the Philippine Economic Zone Authority approved from January to August projects valued at P146.6 billion.

During that period, the BOI gave the green light to projects worth P117.2 billion or an improvement of 843.3 percent from P12.4 billion in the same months last year.

At the same time, Peza approved P29.4 billion worth of projects, an increase of 124.1 percent from P13.1 billion last year.

In August alone, total investment commitments increased 50 percent to P1.6 billion from P1.07 billion in the same month last year.

The BOI approved P670 million in investments, an increase of 151.3 percent from P266.6 billion in the same month last year.

Peza approved P938.3 million in August, up 16.7 percent from the year-ago figure of P804.3 million.

While investment in manufacturing and services made up only 24 percent of total approved projects in the first eight months, these ventures accounted for about 99 percent of the 47,800 jobs to be created by all projects registered during the period.

From January to August, total foreign investments reached P128.2 billion, a jump of 730 percent from P15.4 billion in the same period in 2003.

At the same time, local investments reached P18.4 billion, up 82 percent from P10.1 billion.

"Increased foreign capital infusion is a signal that foreign business confidence in the country is on the rise and we expect more offshore firms to make their firm commitment to locate here," Trade Secretary Cesar V. Purisima said.

But he said that although foreign direct investment has increased, the amount was meager compared to those made in other Southeast Asian countries and in China and India.

"The government intends to correct this situation by making the country the preferred FDI destination," Purisima said. "One way is through the rationalization of incentives."

Power subsidy phaseout backed

LEADERS of the country's manufacturing sector recently lauded the major steps taken by the government to reform the power sector, saying such steps "send very important positive signals to the international business community."

The executives cited in particular the recent decision by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) phasing out the inter-class subsidy given by large industrial and commercial customers of the Manila Electric Co. (Meralco) to residential customers.

They said the subsidy phaseout "significantly boosts the capability of the country to compete for the entry of new investments." This is because the ERC move will correct distortions in the power rate structure which have been a major disincentive to prospective investors, they added.

Ford Group Philippines Inc. president Henry Co welcomed the policy decision saying that "electric power is a major production input and a competitive power rate is a priority consideration of prospective investors."

Ford has been in the Philippines since 1997 and currently operates a $250-million assembly plant in Sta. Rosa, Laguna. The plant assembles vehicles for the Philippine market. It exports to Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore.

Edward Coseteng, president of the Ceramic Tile Manufacturers Association, said the removal of cross subsidies "will be a big help to the manufacturing sector which is reeling under unrelenting increases in the price of manufacturing inputs."

"This will improve our competitiveness against imports—both legitimate and illegitimate," he pointed out.

David Chua, president of the Philippine Steelmakers Association (PSA), said the steel industry views the cross subsidy phaseout "as a welcome relief." He said the decision "took some time but we are happy it is finally out."

Chua expressed hope that the lower power rates "would breathe new life into the local steel industry."

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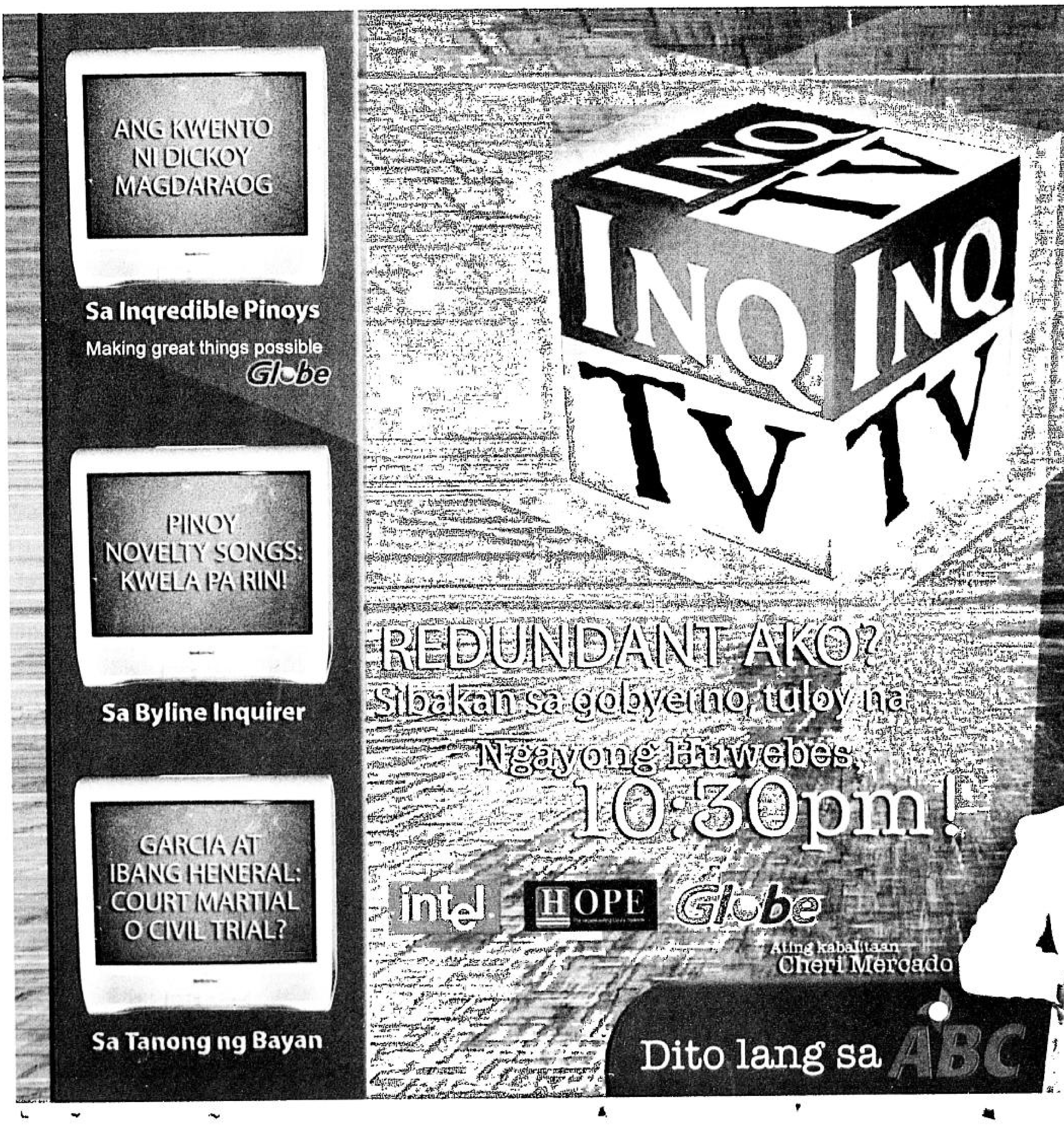
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GMA sees amicable settlement of anti-trust suit vs telcos

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday sounded optimistic of getting an "amicable" resolution to the anti-trust suit filed by the US Department of Justice against Philippine telecommunication firms.

The President, in a speech during the 60th anniversary of the Leyte Gulf landing at Palo, Leyte, said the US District Court of Hawaii had nullified the subpoenas served on several Filipino businessmen in relation to an anti-trust suit against Philippine telcos.

The President apparently took the court's decision as a step leading to the settlement of the case.

The President cited this development as a proof that bilateral ties between the US and the Philippines remained strong despite disagreements on foreign policies, particularly the premature withdrawal of Filipino troops from Iraq and President Arroyo's fondness for communist China.

At least 30 executives of the country's top telecommunication firms led by Smart Communications Inc., Globe Telecom and Digital Telecommunication Phils. Inc. or Digitel were issued subpoenas by the US DOJ to appear in court while attending the Pacific Telecommunications Council Conference in Hawaii last January

The US DOJ filed an anti-trust suit against Philippine telcos on alleged price fixing practices that put American carriers at a disadvantage. The Federal Communications Commission claimed that Philippine carriers had colluded in demanding rate increases for calls terminating in the Philippines.

The Department of Foreign Affairs protested and criticized the rude action taken against the Filipino executives. The DFA noted that the case had been subject of previous negotiations between the FCC and the National Telecommunications Commission.

Bancommerce to raise ₱1.2B via tier-2 issue

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

BANK of Commerce will issue P1.2 billion in subordinated debt or tier 2 capital by the first quarter next year to strengthen its capital stock against lending risks.

Supporting this move, Philippine Rating Services Corp. (PhilRatings), an affiliate of Standard & Poor's in the country, gave Bancommerce's tier 2 capital a favorable rating.

Bancommerce is the first bank to seek a domestic credit rating for its issue.

With the additional capital of P1.2 billion next year, the bank's capital adequacy ratio improved to 14.26 percent from 11.63 percent at present.

"The rating for Bancommerce's proposed P1.2 billion in unsecured subordinated notes is PRS A," PhilRatings said. This rating means "the issue has favorable investment attributes."

The tier 2 issue has a term of 10 years, with a call option after the fifth year.

PhilRatings reviewed the bank's business franchise, its funding profile and the availability of capitalization support from its shareholders.

The rating also takes into account the bank's lower profitability compared to its peers, PhilRatings said. In terms of asset quality, the bank's non-performing asset (NPA) ratio as of end-2003 was higher compared to the commercial banking sector's average.

PhilRatings said, however, that the bank's "fairly diversified loan portfolio" and "conservative balance sheet structure" helped temper asset quality risks.

PhilRatings believes that solving the bank's asset quality concerns will be manageable over the long-term. This is due to efforts to market its foreclosed assets, and the regular review and measures undertaken by the bank to manage problematic or restructured accounts.

The bank's earnings grew 17.1 percent in 2003 to P156.6 million. PhilRatings said the bank's revenue and earnings were expected to improve in the long-run, to be boosted by an improvement in interest rates, increased loans and better management of non-performing loans.

Bancommerce is the country's 16th largest bank, accounting for 9.7 percent of commercial banking sector deposits as of end-2003. It has 112 branches spread nationwide, which was boosted significantly by its previous acquisitions of Pan Asia Banking Inc. and Traders Royal Bank.

The bank's loans-to-deposit ratio as of end-2003 stood at 59.8 percent. Its funding profile is largely made up of lower-cost savings and demand deposits generated through its branch network. The bank's capital stood at P3.7 billion.

FINALIST IN ASIAN INNOVATION AWARDS
Smart Communications Inc. head for E-Services and Smart Money Danilo C. Ibarra (left) chats with Singapore President S R Nathan before the Asian Innovation Awards (AIA) gala dinner in Singapore. Smart, with its entry Smart Padala, made it to the top 12 of the 7th AIA held on Oct. 12. Smart was the only Philippine firm that made it to the finals. There were 84 entries received for this year's awards.

MPC open to bourse review

METRO PACIFIC Corp. (MPC) said it was open to regulatory scrutiny but stressed that all of its transactions at the stock market were properly disclosed.

"Like any public company, we are open to any degree of scrutiny. We are confident we conduct our business transparently . I believe regulatory authorities are aware of this," David Nugent, MPC vice president, said.

The statement was made after the PSE said it was looking at trades of MPC over disclosure concerns expressed by some stockbrokers.

Nugent added that no stock exchange, here or abroad, required an advance notice about any transaction.

"The sale was intended to benefit MPC. The proceeds raised are not going to Hong Kong. Among others, it is for the rehabilitation of Nenaco (Negros Navigation Co.)," Nugent said.

He also said denied allegations that MPC was involved in a hype-and-dump scheme or a form of price manipulation in the stock market when the shares of MPC went up last September.

"(The rise in the share price) had nothing to do with us. The announcement of a new president of Citra would have probably made the stock a speculative buy," he said.

Last September, Citra Metro Manila Tollways Corp. named Jose Ma. Lim as president and chief executive officer. Lim is concurrently MPC president. Lim is presently crafting a new business plan for the company that will lead to the completion of the Skyway project and restore value to its shareholders. MPC holds a minority equity interest in CMMTC.

Nugent said First Pacific Co.'s decision to sell its 5-percent stake in MPC was reached sometime in mid-September when the company observed improved activity in the stock market.

He also said the group was not aware of a foreign broker selling MPC shares heavily.

PSE president Francis Lim said some brokers had spoken to him about heavy selling of Metro Pacific shares before First Pacific disclosed last week that it was selling 5 percent of its stake in Metro Pacific. *Elizabeth Sanchez*

NTC warned against raising fees, charges

By Clarissa S. Batino

TELECOM firms yesterday warned that increases in the fees and charges imposed by the National Telecommunications Commission would likely be passed on to consumers.

The transportation department said early this month that the NTC was considering increasing its fees and fines to help generate more revenue for the cash-strapped Arroyo administration.

Rodolfo Salalima, senior vice president of Globe Telecom Inc., said the NTC's regulatory fees should cover only the cost of supervising the industry.

Increasing fees to raise revenue constitutes a form of taxation, according to another industry source.

"If that is the case, then the NTC is not the proper agency to collect taxes. Also, any taxation should be legislated," he added.

A telecom executive said the cost of text messaging in the Philippines at P1 each was the lowest in the world. In other countries, the cost of text messaging ranged from 4 US cents to 11 US cents or roughly P2.24 to P6.16 each.

Affordability enticed Filipinos to use mobile phones and text frequently. More than 200 million messages a day are sent by more than 26 million subscribers in the country.

The NTC's revenue is projected to hit more than P1 billion this year. Last year's earnings were exceptionally high at P1.8 billion due to some non-recurring incomes. The agency's annual budget is less than a billion pesos yearly.

"The DOTC and the NTC are government agencies created by law under the Public Service Act. If they increase their fees, then public service may no longer be accessible to the public. They should keep these fees to levels that the public can afford," Salalima said.

The last time the NTC raised its charges was in 2001 when it implemented an across-the-board increase of less than 20 percent.

Firm seeks 388% hike in North toll rates

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tion and the exchange rate were constant. The toll fee scheme was computed using a 14 percent return-on-investment for the private group.

Unlike other build-operate-transfer projects, MNTC officials claimed the consortium had no government guarantees. The group only asked for an assurance that it could implement the fare structure provided by the STOA.

"If the government would decide later not to allow us to charge the toll fees based on the STOA, then it is committed to reimburse us the difference multiplied with the number of NLEX users," according to MNTC chief finance officer Rodrigo Franco.

MNTC said the cost of upgrading and rehabilitating the NLEX reached $371 million, of which creditors financed 68 percent or $253 million.

AmCham says RP competitiveness still sliding

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lished investors continued to see the need for expansion, "implementing our roadmap will bring in more investment."

Highlights of the roadmap included:

- Starting the construction of the Subic-Clark-Tarlac highway by 2005, pushing through with the much-delayed upgrade of the South Luzon expressway up to Batangas, going ahead with the Northrail as well as the new light rail lines;
- Declaring a state of emergency to allow National Power Corp. to contract at least a 1,000-megawatt base load plant;
- Emphasizing austerity and balance the budget within three years instead of five years;
- Strengthening enforcement against the "smuggling "of vehicles and intensify lifestyle checks on government officials;
- Overhauling the Labor Code, allow for open skies on passenger and cargo traffic, and conclude free trade pacts with major trading partners;
- Improving standards of and increasing spending on education;
- Encouraging the Supreme Court to request advice from "amicus curiae" on business issues, and
- Strengthening political parties to reduce influence of special interests.

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of October 20, 2004)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	18.25	19	18.25	19	168,200
Bank of the Phil. Islands	46.5	47	46	47	678,100
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	42.5	42.5	42.5	42.5	4,000
Export and Ind. Bank Inc.	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.43	600,000
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	27.5	28	27	28	70,500
Prudential Bank	350	350	350	350	200
Philippine National Bank	22.5	22.5	22.5	22.5	10,200
Security Bank Corp.	20.5	21	20.5	20.75	48,300
Union Bank of the Phil.	23.5	23.5	23.5	23.5	3,000
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
Bankard Inc.	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	60,000
PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc.	1.34	1.36	1.34	1.36	130,000
Sun Life Financial Inc.	1665	1665	1660	1660	110
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	20.25	20.5	20.25	20.25	18,700
Digital Telecom Phils. Inc.	1.36	1.42	1.36	1.38	21,185,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	1050	1050	1045	1050	34,080
Ipeople Inc.	1.66	1.7	1.66	1.7	16,000
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.045	0.045	0.045	0.045	1,000,000
ISM Communications Corp.	0.036	0.036	0.036	0.036	1,000,000
Liberty Telecoms Holdings	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.43	40,000
Manila Bulletin Pub. Corp.	2.1	2.12	2.1	2.12	44,000
Pilipino Tel. Corp.	2.48	2.5	2.46	2.48	3,718,000
Phil. Telegraph & Tel. Co	0.39	0.4	0.39	0.4	70,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	1405	1420	1405	1405	130,890
Ivantage Corp.	0.72	0.73	0.72	0.73	2,000,000
Philweb Corp.	0.013	0.013	0.012	0.012	68,300,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	16	16	15.75	15.75	1,900
Manila Electric Co. B	24.25	24.25	24	24.25	95,200
Petron Corp.	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.9	1,526,000
Salcon Power Corp.	2.14	2.14	2.1	2.1	40,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	1.08	1.08	1.08	1.08	25,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals Inc.	1.42	1.42	1.4	1.4	1,650,000
Aboitiz Trans. Sys. Corp.	1.72	1.72	1.72	1.72	5,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.1	709,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.36	0.37	0.36	0.37	690,000
Phil Nat'l Const. Corp.	3	3	3	3	5,000
Union Cement Corp.	2.34	2.38	2.3	2.34	5,565,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	3	3	3	3	10,000
Ginebra San Miguel Inc.	29.5	29.5	29.5	29.5	15,900
Jollibee Foods Corp.	27.5	27.5	27	27.5	106,200
RFM Corp.	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	430,000
Swift Food Inc.	0.35	0.4	0.35	0.4	220,000
San Miguel Corp. A	57	57	56.5	57	36,800
San Miguel Corp. B	72.5	72.5	72	72	136,700
Vitarich Corp.	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	200,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004	1,000,000
Ayala Corp.	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.3	12,775,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	2,277,000
Alo.Nat Holdings Inc.	0.026	0.026	0.026	0.026	200,000
A. Soriano Corp.	1.36	1.36	1.36	1.36	260,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	136,000,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	1.76	1.76	1.76	1.76	20,000
Bacnotan Cons Indus Inc.	16	16	16	16	34,300
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.54	0.56	0.54	0.56	2,300,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	2,250,000
Crown Equities Inc.	0.235	0.235	0.23	0.23	3,400,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	2.6	2.85	2.55	2.85	11,436,000
Ever-Gotesco Resources	0.031	0.031	0.031	0.031	2,400,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	70,000
Fil-Hispano Holdings Corp.	4.05	4.05	4	4	10,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	27	27	27	27	39,300
Forum Pacific Inc.	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	20,000
Ionics Inc.	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	262,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.96	2	1.96	1.98	475,000
Macroasia Corp.	1.42	1.46	1.38	1.42	205,000
Megaworld Corp.	1.22	1.24	1.22	1.24	1,189,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.43	0.45	0.42	0.45	91,700,000
Prime Media Holdings Inc.	1	1.04	1	1.02	27,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.155	0.155	0.15	0.15	1,460,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc.	0.215	0.215	0.21	0.21	390,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Corro-Coat Inc.	1.22	1.22	1.2	1.2	10,000
Metro Alliance Holdings	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	100,000
Music Semiconductors Corp.	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	9,000
Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94	20,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp.	0.65	0.68	0.65	0.67	1,990,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.96	0.97	0.94	0.97	540,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	0.68	0.68	0.68	0.68	10,000
Manila Jockey Club	3	3	3	3	7,000
Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc.	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	230,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp.(Pdr)	20.25	20.5	20.25	20.25	646,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series V	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,600
PLDT (10% Pref) Series W	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	3,200
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Y	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	100
PLDT 10% Pref Series Aa	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	3,800
OTHERS					
Centro Escolar University	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	28,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	6.9	7	6.9	7	13,802,000
Cityland Development Corp.	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	10,000
C&P Homes Inc.	0.38	0.4	0.38	0.4	8,960,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.135	0.135	0.135	0.135	400,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.37	0.38	0.37	0.37	19,110,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.12	1.12	1.1	1.12	1,304,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1,030,000
SM Development Corp.	1.02	1.02	1	1	560,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	3,137,000
MINING					
Apex Mining Co., Inc.B	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	250,000
Abra Mining & Industrial	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	35,000,000
Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't	3.15	3.15	3.1	3.1	332,000
Benguet Corp. A	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.5	15,000
Benguet Corp. B	1.76	1.76	1.76	1.76	2,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.23	0.23	0.225	0.23	900,000
Manila Mining Corp. A	0.017	0.017	0.016	0.016	219,900,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	54,300,000
Omico Corp.	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	1,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	0.47	0.48	0.47	0.48	280,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.54	0.54	0.53	0.54	3,970,000
OIL					
Imperial Res.	0.013	0.013	0.013	0.013	700,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.0046	0.0046	0.0044	0.0044	93,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	0.0046	0.0046	0.0046	0.0046	34,000,000
The Philodrill Corp. A	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	60,000
Petroenergy Res. Corp.	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2,000
Sinophil Corp.	0.034	0.035	0.034	0.035	1,100,000
Vulcan Ind'l	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	220,000

	SHARES	VALUE(P)
Bank & Fin Svc	1,772,610	38,754,725.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	382,822,670	487,750,465.00
PRO	48,314,000	131,681,720.00
Mining	315,949,000	8,533,920.00
OIL	129,082,000	678,300.00
GRAND TOTALS :	877,940,280	667,399,130.00

	AVERAGES	
Bank & Fin Svc	499.40	UP 6.57
Comm'l & Ind'l	2,811.10	UP 1.57
PRO	656.13	UP 3.72
Mining	2,062.98	DOWN 33.71
OIL	1.71	DOWN 0.05
SME	100.00	UNCH 0.00
All Shares Index	1,114.31	UP 0.32
Composite	1,784.93	UP 6.06

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PHILIPPINE TRUST Co. is set to list today 218,3000,000 of common shares.

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JAMES Chen resigned as director of **Chinatrust (Phils.) Commercial Bank Corp.**, effective Oct. 19.

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DIVERSIFIED Financial Network Inc. deferred its annual stockholders' meeting to the first quarter of 2005.

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ACTIVE Alliance Inc. will hold its annual stockholders' meeting on Nov. 22 at 8 a.m. at the Subic Bay Yacht Club.

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INTERPHIL Laboratories Inc. purchased 25,000 of its own shares at P1.90, pursuant to its share buyback program.

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ANSCOR Consolidated Corp. (ACC), a 100-percent owned subsidiary of A. Soriano Corp. (Anscor), bought 111,000 Anscor shares, bringing to 716,085,777 the number of Anscor shares owned by ACC. *Compiled by D.J. Yap, PDI Research*

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October 20, 2004

Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Dollar Equivalent	Peso Equivalent
United States	Dollar	0.798722	1.000000	56 3760
Japan	Yen	0.007367	0.009223	0.5200
United Kingdom	Pound	1.441134	1.804300	101.7192
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.102536	0.128375	7.2373
Switzerland	Franc	0.650161	0.814001	45.8901
Canada	Dollar	0.635167	0.795229	44 8318
Singapore	Dollar	0.477191	0.597443	33 6814
Australia	Dollar	0.581481	0.728014	41 0425
Bahrain	Dinar*	2.118739	2 652661	149 5464
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.212987	0 266660	15 0332
Brunei	Dollar	0.475770	0.595664	33 5812
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000088	0.000110	0 0062
Thailand	Baht	0 019335	0.024207	1 3647
UAE	Dirham	0.217458	0.272257	15 3488
Euro	Euro	1.000000	1.252000	70 5828
Argentina	Peso	0 270753	0.338983	19 1105
Brazil	Real	0 278058	0.348129	19 6261
Denmark	Kroner	0.134465	0.168350	9 4909
India	Rupee	0 017447	0.021844	1.2315
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.210218	0 263193	14 8378
Mexico	New Peso	0.069843	0 087443	4 9297
New Zealand	Dollar	0 548724	0 687002	38 7304
Pakistan	Rupee	0 013301	0.016653	0 9388
South Africa	Rand	0.127315	0 159398	8 9862
Korea	Won	0.000698	0.000874	0 0493
Sweden	Kroner	0 110177	0.137942	7.7766
Syria	Pound	0.015488	0.019391	1.0932
Taiwan	Nt Dollar	0.023593	0.029538	1.6652

Diesel, kerosene prices raised

NEW oil players Seaoil Petroleum Corp., Eastern Petroleum Corp. and Unioil Petroleum Philippines Inc. yesterday raised their diesel and kerosene prices by 35 centavos a liter, following the lead of their other competitors which raised prices Tuesday.

Oil refiners Petron Corp. and Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp. have not announced any price adjustment as of press time.

Shell raised prices of its liquefied petroleum gas by 50 centavos a kilogram last week. Total (Philippines) Corp. followed suit Tuesday.

The price hike was prompted by escalating prices of oil in the world market.

As of Oct. 19, the price of diesel based on the Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS) benchmark for refined petroleum products soared to $57.56 a barrel from the September average of $54.29 a barrel.

The price of MOPS-based unleaded gasoline likewise surged to $54.73 a barrel from last month's average of only $49.04 a barrel.

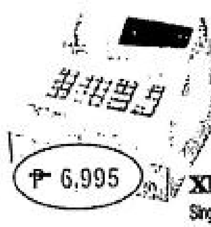
The benchmark Dubai crude, which oil refiners used in pricing their products, also continued to go up, climbing to an Oct. 1-19 average of $37.68 a barrel from $35.55 a barrel in September.

Even cooking gas was not spared from the world price escalation, as its October contract price soared to $401.50 per metric ton from the September price of $383 per MT.

The continuing rise in world oil prices is still being attributed to the strong demand in Europe and the United States, where winter months are just beginning.

Speculations on further supply tightness are also driving prices up as threats and actual acts of violence in Iraq persist.

Abigail L. Ho



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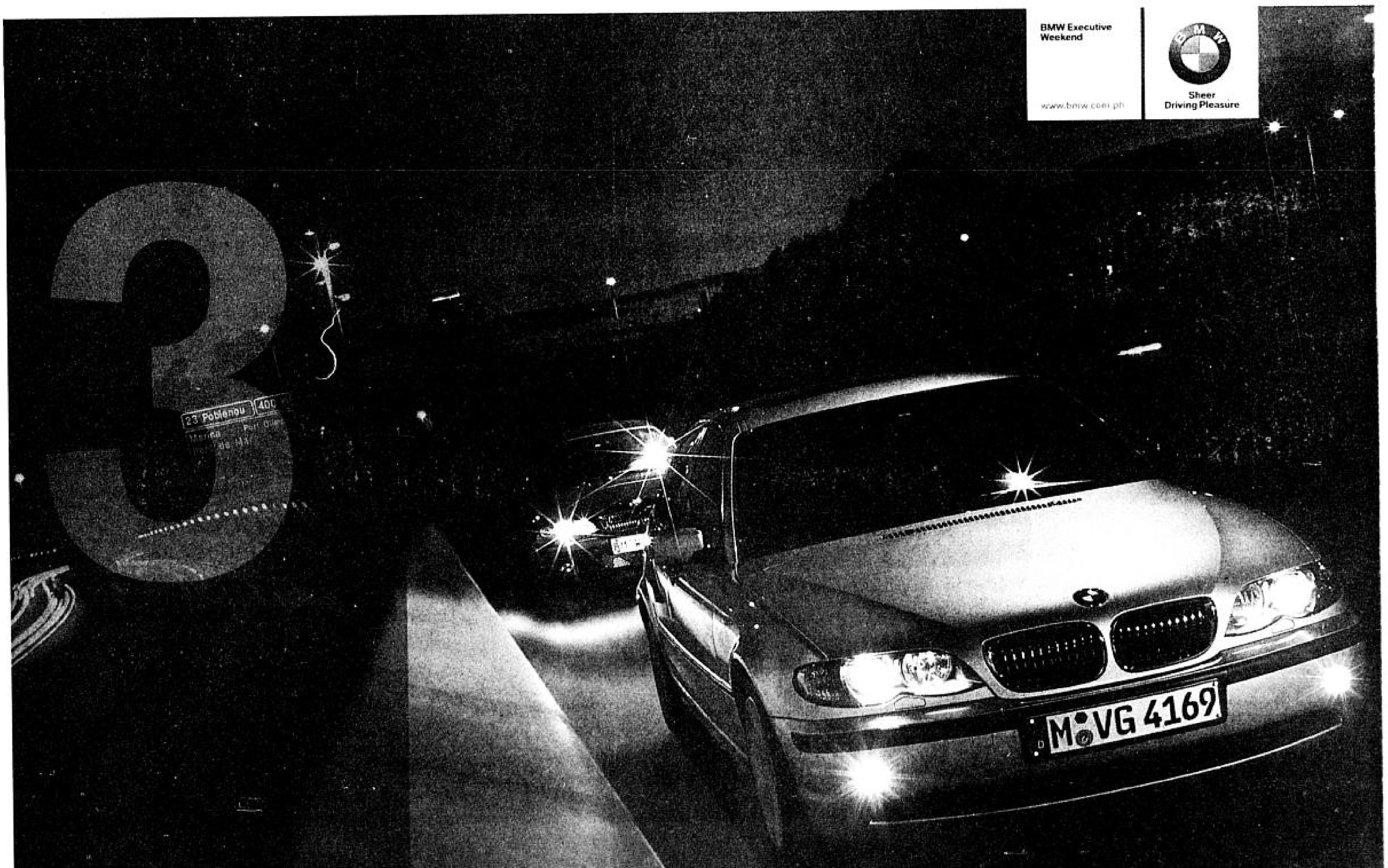

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People, Events & Products

Medical miracles of the leech

CONTRARY to the common notion that leeches bring nothing but unpleasant experiences,. they also have been known to give scientific benefits. In fact, in the Middle Ages, leeches were used to rid a person's body of poison by letting them suck into the infected area. The first traces of leeches were found, thousands of years ago in ancient India and Egypt. It was the Greeks and Romans who first made use of them in medicine.

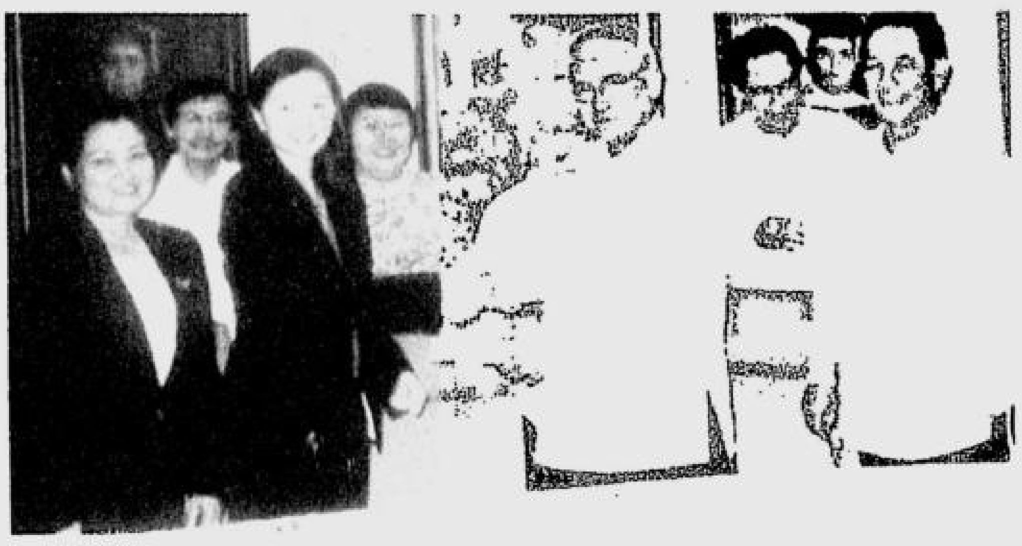
Strange as it may seem, even barbers back in the olden days once used leeches to draw infected blood from their ill customers to cure almost anything from headaches to gout. They'd advertise this service by hanging out the used bandages, which would swirl around a post outside their shop. This later on evolved into the red and white striped pole that we now often see outside barbershops.

Among the 500 species known to science, it is the Hirudo medicinalis (Latin name for Medicinal Leech), which, as its name suggests, has been historically used to cure anything and everything that might possibly relate to the blood. The medicinal leech contains some twenty or so enzymes, including Hirudin, the most powerful anti-coagulant in existence, which has beneficial action on blood microcirculation. Today, doctors around the world use this type of leech in medicine during transplants and reattachment surgery. During such surgery, arteries may continue sending blood to the area of the wound, but if veins have yet to heal, toxic congestion may result, risking a patient's life. A leech can relieve that congestion. And because leeches are evolved predators that apply an anesthetic to their prey, the patient does not feel a thing-except for the wet, cool bodies of the creatures.

But yet another very interesting breakthrough has been in the area treating matured and aged skin. The enzymes derived from the medicinal leech have been very effective as an anti-aging ingredient making dry and dehydrated, sensitive skin smooth, flexible and has a very encouraging effect in treating wrinkles. The Hirudin derived from its salivary extracts has also been very effective due to its thrombotic and anti-coagulant activity in dissolving coagulated, oxidized blood and leaving the skin radiant and uniform in color.

Because of the current and potential medical contributions of the Hirudo Medicinalis, the US Food and Drug Administration (US FDA) has recently approved the use of leeches for medical purposes. Companies that have been perennially breeding and marketing medicinal leeches to hospitals worldwide, like the French-based company Ricarimpex, can now advance further and pursue more research and development with respect to the use of Medicinal Leech and Hirudin.

And so while leeches have been portrayed to be creatures capable of doing harm to people, there is more to a leech than meets the eye. The positive medical contribution that the medicinal leech has been making could very well elevate this kind of leech in the list of humanity's next miracle cures.



SM FOUNDATION TURNS OVER DONATION

UP president Francisco Nemenzo receives the P500,000 additional fund for Henry Sy Professional Chair from SM Foundation's Debbie Sy. SM founder and chair Henry Sy Sr. was one of those who responded to UP president Edgardo Angara's UP Diamond Jubilee Fund Campaign. The Chair was established on April 9, 1983 with an initial fund of P150,000. Also shown in photo are (left) SM Foundation executive director Linda Atayde, (right) UP Modernization Fund chair Gerardo Agulto, (second row) AVP for development Jaime Caro, VP for academic affairs Ma. Serena Diokno, professor Connie Paz and VP and for public affairs Jose Dalisay.

70th INDUCTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

NAMA INDUCTS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS

The 2004-2005 officers and directors of the National Association of Mapua Alumni (Nama), the premier alumni organization for all graduates of Mapua Institute of Technology, led by Nama president Hernando Limsin with their advisers after their induction into office by Dr. Reynaldo Vea, president and chief executive officer of Mapua Institute of Technology. The induction ceremies were held at the Davao room of Westin Philippine Plaza last Aug. 21.

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✓ ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS IN PUBLIC PRACTICE

4th ACPAPP National Convention tackles crucial issues affecting the accountancy profession

THE ASSOCIATION of CPAs in Public Practice (ACPAPP) presents series of topics and issues to be discussed during the two-day technical sessions of the 4th Annual National Convention slated on October 21-23 at the Holiday Inn Resort, Clark Field, Pampanga. With the theme " Refocusing on Professional Growth and Membership Development", the convention aims to update accounting practitioners on the many significant changes and events affecting their profession.

For day-1 session, the 1st topic will be about R.A.9298, also known as the The New Accountancy Law of 2004. The Board of Accountancy (BOA) Chair, Atty. Eugene T. Mateo was invited to discuss the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) of this new law and to address the concerns that could hinder the effective implementation of this IRR.

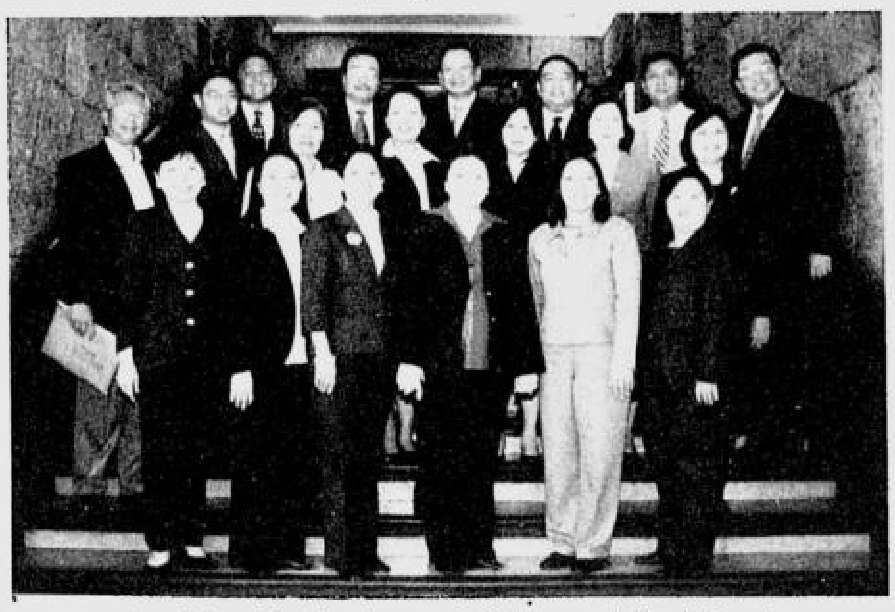
CPA practitioners have been encountering problems on the numerous accreditation requirements from almost each and every Government Regulatory Agencies. The 2nd topic: CPA Accreditation: Where will it stop? addresses this concern. A roundtable discussion with representatives from Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), SEC Director Justina Callangan, BSP Managing Director, Supervision & Examination II Ricardo Lirio, and other luminaries in the accounting profession will meet and find ways to harmonize the various accreditation requirements and make the CPAs lives easier in the process.

For day-2 session, SEC General Accountant Roberto Manabat will give updates on the status of the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The full adoption of the IFRS will take effect in 2005... Is the Philippines ready? Representatives from the BSP and BIR Deputy Commissioner for Operations, Lilian Hefti will join Mr. Manabat in a roundtable discussion to address possible conflicts between IFRS with the rules and regulations of BIR and BSP.

On a lighter side, Anthony Pangilinan, President of Business Works talks on ways that will lead us to a healthy, balance and successful living. CPAs are usually focused on their work. Is balancing work and life really matters?

Lastly, Rex C. Drilon II, COO of Ortigas & Company and a Fellow from Institute of Corporate Directors shares his views on the changing relationship between and among the Board, the Management and the CPA to achieve Good Governance. He will talk on the new expectations and responsibilities being imposed not only by the new laws and regulations but by the professional bodies and the general public as well.

The Association of CPAs in Public Practice, as an organization shall continue to live with its vision to see all Filipino CPAs in Public Practice become highly esteemed professionals, competently and excellently performing its assigned tasks in the world of business and governance.



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The Philippine Marketing Association gears up for the Agora Conference 2004 slated Oct. 28 to 29 at the Shangri-La Hotel Makati. The conference with the theme 'Marketing Renaissance in a Convergent Market' explores the principles and trends in market convergence. The Agora Conference committee includes (seated, from left): Mylene Abiva-Sazon, director-in-charge; Jos Ortega, president, Philippine Marketing Association; Karen de Asis, over-all chair; standing (from left): Donna Canafranca, program; Ariel Roselo, staging; Gen Gallardo, admin.; and Ting Samonte, finance and exhibit.

Product FILES

Acer presents Aspire 1681WLMi

ACER, one of the world's leading computer brand proudly introduces the Aspire 1681WLMi - a stylish, multimedia powerhouse notebook that carries Acer's new Folio design that signals the dawn of a new and refreshing look in all Acer notebooks.

Behind each unmatched stylishness, the new Acer Aspire 1681WLMi is powered by the latest mobile graphics engine from ATI, the ATI Mobility Radeon 9700 with 64MB of external DDR video RAM for unmatched graphics capability and 3D performance. What's more, it also boasts of an Intel Centrino Mobile Technology (Intel Pentium M Processor 715/1.5GHz/2MB L2 Cache,400MHz FSB) or the new Dothan processor for maximum performance. It is equipped with a 512MB DDR RAM memory and 60GB Hard Disk Drive, integrated DVD Dual Drive (+/-), 3-in-1 Media Card Reader (MMC,SD,MS), integrated Bluetooth™, 56kbps fax/modem, 10/100Mbps Ethernet and Li-ion battery that lasts up to 5 hours of battery life.

The new Acer Aspire 1681WLMi is also equipped with a surefire tandem of Acer's SignalUp Technology for a fully optimized wireless performance, plus the combination of extreme power with the Intel Centrino Mobile Technology and the integrated Intel PROWireless 2200 (802.11 b/g) solutions that provides up to 54Mbps wireless connectivity.

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Deutsche Regis takes out three prestigious awards

DEUTSCHE Regis Partners Inc continues to receive acclaim from international commentators, taking out three prestigious awards over recent months. The awards are: "Best Broker in the Philippines" by Finance Asia Magazine; "Best Equity House of the Year" by Euromoney Magazine and, for the third year running, "Best Domestic Equity House" by Asiamoney Magazine.

In citing Deutsche Regis in its July edition, Finance Asia noted the Broker's achievement in reaching a peak market share of 46.3 percent in November 2003, saying this was "probably the highest broking market share ever achieved in Asia.

Meanwhile, Euromoney commended Deutsche Regis, also in its July edition, for executing over one-third of all foreign trades in the Philippine stock exchange. It said: "In a new-issue market that has been all but shut to international issuance, Deutsche Regis managed to sole lead the only international equity issue in the past 12 months - a $US104 million placement of Globe Telecom shares for Ayala Corporation and Singapore Telecom. The shares placed represented 2.5 years-worth of daily turnover in the stock."

In the May edition of Asiamoney, Deutsche Regis was awarded "Best Domestic Equity House" in the Philippines for the third consecutive year, with the magazine saying: "(Deutsche Regis) has built up a formidable franchise." This follows an earlier accolade in Asiamoney's most recent broker's poll (November 2003), where Deutsche Regis was also recognized as the "Most Independent Research Brokerage Firm" in the Philippines.

Deutsche Regis Partners Inc. is a joint venture between management headed by Anton Periquet and Noel Bautista, and Deutsche Bank. The company is widely respected for the strength of its insights on the Philippines, its research and its sales and execution capability.

According to the Trading Participants' Ranking Report of the Philippine Stock Exchange, Deutsche Regis is the Number 1 broker in the Philippine Stock Exchange, with a market share of 21.4 percent year-to-date July 2004.

UP DILIMAN DOMINATES 6TH ICFC

In the recently concluded 6th Edition of the Inter-Collegiate Competition (ICFC), UP Diliman dominated the contest and emerged the runaway 1st placer. With a blistering score of 840 points, against a possible 1,000 perfect score, UP set a record for the ICFC Competition. This competition is held annually by the Financial Executives Institute of the Philippines (Finex) to determine the top finance team among schools, colleges and universities in the Philippines. The content of the competition is global in nature, being patterned after the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Level 1 exams, global test administered to earn globally recognized title. Photo shows the UP Diliman team posing with past president Conchita Manabat (extreme right) after winning the 6th ICFC Championship and VP-internal Grace Tiongco (5th from right).

DOS-I AWARDED ISO 9001:2000 CERTIFICATION

Dynamic Outsource Solutions Inc (DOS-I), a member of the Lina Group of Companies, was awarded an ISO 9001:2000 certification by the TUV Management Service for Quality Management System. DOS-I is a business process outsource company whose mandate is to provide value-added services to its clientele. Shown are LGC chair Bert Lina joined by Reuben Pangan, DOS-I president, and Jun Gonzales, corporate QMS senior manager, as DOS-I service quality manager Marian Santos accepts the TUV Certificate from Reyland Nepomuceno, business development director of TUV Product Service, certifying the company's compliance with ISO 9001:2000 standards.

Pinoy CPAs tackle globalization issues

THE CONFEDERATION of Filipino Certified Accountants in Canada, Europe, Middle East, Australasia and the United States recently met with their Philippine counterparts in what has been dubbed as the Picpa Global Convention. Picpa or the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants is the national organization of the 120 thousand PRC-certified public accountants (CPA) in the Philippines. It has affiliates and chapters in North America, Europe, Middle East and the Asia-Pacific.

The chapters in foreign countries banded together under the umbrella of the newly formed Picpa International. The current president is Rolando Ditan from San Francisco (CA) chapter while Romy de Guzman of Los Angeles Chapter is executive vice president.

The 1st Picpa Global Convention was held last Sept. 23 and 26 at the Stardust Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. It was jointly hosted by Picpa chapters in Las Vegas, Los Angeles and San Francisco. The participants came from New York tri-state, North Dakota, Vancouver and Toronto (Canada), France, Italy, Brunei, Abu Dhabi, Australia and Bahrain.

The Philippine Delegation was headed by executive director Horace Dumlao, VP for operation Jessie Cabaluna, past national presidents Antonio Acyatan, Roberto Pison and Lito Fuentespina, and Board of Accountancy members Lita Aguirre and Violeta Vicente. There were delegations from Cebu, Laguna, Quezon, Bulacan, Mindanao and Metro Manila.

CPA-lawyer Antonio Acyatan, chair of Picpa international relations committee who was recently honored with the Asean Accountancy Leadership Award as past president of the Asean Federation of Accountants, spoke on the globalization of accountancy in the Asia-Pacific. He said that the Philippine accounting system has already shifted gears from the US GAAP to the new international accounting standards. He emphasized that this move puts the profession at par with those of its neighbors in the Asian continent. He also revealed that by virtue of the WTO mandate, admission of Philippine professional accountants by the USA State Boards is now possible - subject only to certain conditions.

Another key topic discussed at the Picpa Global Convention was the New Philippine Accountancy Law. Former BIR deputy commissioner Lita Aguirre said that under the new law, would-be external auditors are required to undergo at least three years of meaningful public accounting practice before they can be allowed as public accounting practitioner. Continuing professional education units are also required for renewal of CPA licenses.

For the sake of your skin

OUR skin is the reflection of our inner selves, our health, and most importantly, our lifestyle. Factors such as UV rays, unhealthy eating habits and stress are some of the many reasons that stimulate aging of the skin. That is why we endlessly search for dermatological and skin products to enhance and sustain our natural beauty.

When it comes to choosing a brand, it is not only best to know how products perform, but significantly important to understand how products are developed and manufactured. Consequently, in 1960, Louis Widmer with his extensive background in dermatology founded Louis Widmer Company. His objective was to market effective products that not only completed tasks optimally but also well tolerated by the most delicate skin. To achieve this, Louis Widmer worked in collaboration with dermatologists and pharmacists that would supply information for the constant improvement of his products.

For over 40 years, Louis Widmer manufactures ethical and dermatological products, which help cleanse, treat, nourish, protect and maintain its skin health, beauty and glow. Louis Widmer has hypoallergenic lines that are slightly scented or non-scented, specially made for the most sensitive and delicate skin. Thus, Louis Widmer assures customers that they get the value without sacrificing the quality and content of Louis Widmer products.

Louis Widmer is headquartered in Switzerland and has strong presence in countries such as Germany, Austria, Belgium and Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Finland and exclusive agents and partners in Iran, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, U.A.E, Taiwan and now, it's here in the Philippines.

Louis Widmer products are exclusively distributed in the Philippines by Zuellig Pharma and marketed by Pharmalink, the marketing arm of Zuellig Pharma. It is available at selected Mercury Drug outlets and Watson's Drugstores in the greater Manila area.

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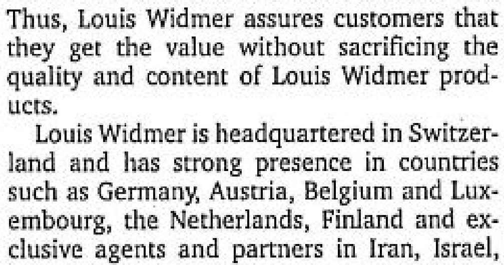
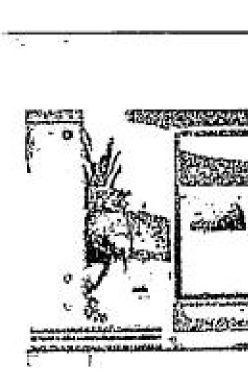
ProductFILES

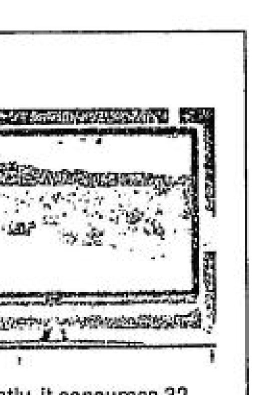
Sharp's Aquos LCD TV



IMPROVING people's lives through advanced technology, everything gets better especially when it's Sharp. Take for example its mind-blowing Aquos LCD TV series. Slim and lightweight, you can mount it on the wall, table or floor. Positioning the TV will never be a problem because Aquos has an Advanced Super View and Low Reflection Black TFT LCD technology that reduces glare against any lighting condition thereby reducing eye strain and producing high quality images. More importantly, it consumes 32 percent less energy than other flat screen TVs, and outlasts other TVs because of its backlighting that has a longer life of 60,000 hours.

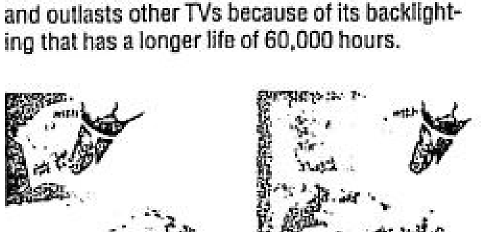
Jollibee's grate-tasting value meals





TIME and again, Jollibee has come up with great and affordable value meals to delight each and every member of the family. Currently, Jollibee offers 14 value meals, for as low as P36, you can have a satisfying meal and have a treat of the variety that Jollibee offers. You can enjoy your favorite Yumburger, Chickenjoy, Jolly Spaghetti, Palabok Fiesta and other langhap-sarap Jollibee products or a combination of these favorites that will delight you, your entire family and your friends. For an even more satisfying meal, you can add-on a hot Chicken Sotanghon Soup or Shanghai Rolls to any of the 14 meals for an additional P18 and P20, respectively. Plus, for a maximum enjoyment of your langhap-sarap Yumburger meals, you can upgrade to large Jolly Crispy Fries and large drink for an additional P14. The Jollibee Value Meals, make it an everyday treat.

A chocolatey twist to coffee breaks



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Bits & Clips

Forbesfest

THE FORBES Town Center presents Forbesfest 2004. A joint effort of property giant Megaworld Corp and fast-growing events organizer Blessed Concepts Production, Forbesfest 2004 will kick off with "Wed and Revel" from Oct. 10 to 23 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The event will culminate in a fashion show on Oct. 23 featuring the creations of some of the country's top fashion designers. For inquiries on Forbesfest 2004 and exhibit participation, call Janet Machica of Blessed Concepts Production at 255-8229, 251-7104 or 0918-3194244 or Mau Valmonte of Forbes Town Center at 840-0549 to 50.

St. Anthony foundation

THE SCHOOL of Saint Anthony is holding its 22nd Foundation Celebration from Oct. 21 to 24 with the theme "Global Anthonians: Celebrating Peace and Prosperity among Nations". There will be a dance and "Battle of the Bands" concert on Oct. 21 and 22, respectively. Field demonstrations will be held from Oct. 22 to 24. The Parents' Council has also prepared ongoing athletic events for the parents, faculty and staff. Enjoy the rides, attractions and bazaars during this 5-day celebration including the sale of Adidas products up to 60 percent off. One of the event's highlights is the Grand Alumni Homecoming of batches 1992 to 2004, which will be held in Discovery Suites on Oct. 23 from 6 p.m. onwards (with performance by MYMP). For details, look for Jacky at 936-4806 or 417-8565 local 101 or 102.

Know how to e-Research

THE PHILIPPINE Communication Centrum Foundation (PCCF), under the auspices of the Asian Institute of Journalism and Communication and the Unesco National Commission of the Philippines, will host a seminar-workshop on e-Research. e-Research, or electronic research or online research, is obtaining information on the Internet through the use of computers. The seminar-workshop on e-Research will equip participants with the necessary knowledge on how to evaluate gathered information from the Net in terms of accuracy, validity, timeliness and objectivity. The seminar-workshop will be held today, Oct. 21 at the seminar room of the AIJC in Annapolis Street, Greenhills, San Juan. For details, call 727-6799, or 725-4227 or e-mail aijcmla@info.com.ph.

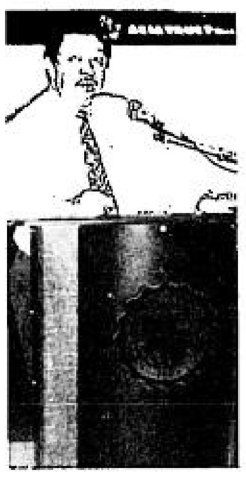
MIMS celebration

ON Oct. 22, MIMS and its sister publications will host a celebration at the NBC Tent to toast its 100th edition and three decades of successful contribution to healthcare information and continuing medical education in the Philippines. Be Healthy, Be Sport3! will be a night of music, fun games and merry-making featuring pop and classical melodies to be rendered by the famous Manila Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Maestro Arturo Molina and other distinguished celebrity guests. Sharing the spotlight with MIMS are Medical Progress and JPOG, which both celebrate three decades of CME service to Filipino doctors, and HealthGuide, now on its 10th year of helping Filipino families live healthier lives.

UP Manila alumni reunion

THE UNIVERSITY of the Philippines - Manila Alumni Association invites all Up Manila alumni to "Balik Tanaw Tungo sa Patuloy na Kagalingan" Grand reunion starting 6 p.m., Oct. 22, at the Manila Hotel onboard the M/S Philippines floating restaurant, Rizal Park, Manila. Contact Dr. Tristan Ramos, UPCD College Secretary at 302-6360/0917-2414585 or Dr. Errol Hernandez, Public Relations Officer at 752-0479 for more information.

ASIATRUST BANK SPONSORS DOCTOR'S NIGHT



Asiatrust Bank New Manila branch recently sponsored a Doctor's Night to re-launch the bank's HMO (Health Maintenance Organization) Collection Manager last Aug. 20. It was held in partnership with Medserv, one of the leading HMOs in the country. Any doctor, clinic or hospital can now enjoy the amazing advantages offered by Asiatrust Bank. Just sign-up and the bank will take all necessary action to facilitate accurate and timely collection. Once signed-up, Asiatrust Bank will gather all the billing statements from the doctor and conduct daily follow-ups until the collection is completed. The bank boasts of a collection turnover of just seven days from receipt of billing statement. To sign up or learn more about HMO Collection Manager, call Eric Sandoval at 924-5677 or email pmu@asiatrust-bank.com. Photo shows Virgilio del Valle, Medserv president, speaking during the event.

QUIZ BEE CO-PRESENTOR

Heinz-UFC Phils Inc through its brand Papa Banana Catsup partners with the Quiz Bee Foundation (QBF) in bringing to the public and private school students and teachers the longest running and most respected academic competition in the country, the 25th National Super Quiz Bee (NSQB). Shown in photo are (from left); Pettizou Tayag, QBF vice president, Minna Vistan, Papa Banana Catsup product manager and Ave Lacsam, QBF senior marketing officer. The 25th NSQB is aired every Saturday from 1 to 2 p.m. via ABC 5. For more information, log on to www.quizbee.net

EXPORTBANK IS TOP SME GUARANTOR

The Small and Business Guarantee and Finance Corp (SBGFC) has chosen Export and Industry Bank (Exportbank) to be this year's recipient of the Most Distinguished Partner Award for its outstanding participation in the SBGFC SME Credit Guarantee programs. Exportbank has increased its credit guarantee to small and medium enterprises to P48 million starting June last year. Shown are (from left) Katrina Sanvictores, AVP Exportbank; Hector Olmedillo, VP Credit Guarantee of Small Business Group and Luellia Cayas, VP Exportbank.

VOLUNTEER MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM LAUNCH

General Trias Mayor Luis 'Jon-Jon' Ferrer IV (2nd from left) is all smiles together with Intel Corp COO and president Paul Otellini (2nd from right) during the simple launching of the Volunteer Matching Grant Program (VMGP) held at General Trias Convention Center last Sept. 30.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The estate of the late Purificacion Correa was extrajudicially settled among her heirs as per Doc. No. 332, Page No. 67, Book XIII, Series of 2003 before Notary Public Lino Soriano of Q.C. (PDI-Oct. 14, 21, 28, 2004)

NOTICE OF LOSS

2000 GLOBE MACKAY "A" Shares w/Cert. # 75613 Issued to Jerome Leano. If no contest receive new Cert. will be Issued. (PDI-10/21, 28, & 11/4, 2004)

20,000 Kuok Phil.Properties Inc. shares with Certificate No. 53496 registered in the name of Ma. Isabel G. Ongpin have been lost. If no contest is received new certificate will be issued.(PDI-Oct.14,21,28,2004)

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TransCo
National Transmission Corporation

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

PD Ref No.: PB040921-EL0124

The **NATIONAL TRANSMISSION CORPORATION, BIDS AND AWARD COMMITTEE FOR CORPORATE TRANSCO**, wishes to invite interested parties to apply for eligibility and to bid on the items listed below:

Schedule	Item Description	PR No.	Approved Budget
I-XXXVI	Supply and Delivery of Various Information and Communication Technology Equipment	Various PR's	P8,565,100.00

1. The Bid Documents will be available for issuance starting **October 14, 2004 to November 11, 2004**, at the BAC Secretariat Office, National Transmission Corporation, Materials Management Division, Ground Floor, TransCo Main Bldg., Power Center, Quezon Avenue corner BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City upon payment of non-refundable fee of **Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00)** per set.
2. Deadline for submission, receipt and opening of bids shall be on or before **2:00 p.m. of November 12, 2004** at the Admin Conference Room, Ground Floor, TransCo Main Bldg., Power Center, Quezon Ave. corner BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City. If the date is a non-working day or declared non-working day, the new deadline for submission shall be announced through a Bid Bulletin. Submission of documents must be clear, legible and readable. Late submission and/or incomplete application shall not be accepted.
3. Pre-bid conference will be held on **October 29, 2004 at 2:00 p.m.** at the Admin Conference Room, Ground Floor, TransCo Main Bldg., Power Center, Quezon Ave. corner BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City.
4. All particulars relative to the eligibility, bidding, evaluation of bids and award of contract shall be governed by the Implementing Rules and Regulations-A of Republic Act 9184.
5. TransCo reserves the right to reject any Application for Eligibility or all bids without offering any reasons, waive any required formality therein, and to make an award to the bidder whose proposal is most advantageous to the government.
6. Additional information shall be furnished upon request. All communications should be addressed to the undersigned at the aforementioned address.

(Sgd.) **ANTONIO G. LABAYANI**
Chairman, Bids and Award Committee

(PDI - Oct. 15 & 21, 2004)

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF LOSS

50,000 Kuok Phil. Properties Inc. shares with Certificate No. 53491 and 24 Phil National Bank shares with Certificate No. 298958 and 500,250 and 637 Filinvest Land Inc. shares with Certificate No. 94873, 124328 and 163825 respectively registered in the name of Elaine O. Herbosa and/or Ma. Elena T. Sanchez ATF Ongpin Children have been lost. If no contest is received, new certificate will be issued.(PDI-Oct.14,21,28)

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President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo recently led the switch-on ceremony for the Leyte-Bohol Interconnection project (LBIP) of the National Transmission Corporation (TransCo). The P700-million project was designed to provide additional 260 circuit-kilometers of 138kV transmission and 130 MVA substation capacity in the power hungry Visayas region. The transmission lines now have the capability to transport 100MW of power from the previous 40MW. TransCo president and CEO (2nd from left in photo) said the project is part of the corporation's commitment to fast-track crucial transmission projects in the Visayas in a bid to meet the region's booming power requirement. Also attending the project's inauguration were Bohol Governor Enrico Aumentado (left) and Energy Secretary Vincent S. Perez (third from left).

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND PERIODS OF PROHIBITED ACTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE OCTOBER 21, 2004 BARANGAY RECALL ELECTION FOR PUNONG BARANGAY IN BARANGAY DELA PAZ, PANAON, MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL

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Promulgated: 19 October 2004

RESOLUTION NO. 7377

Pursuant to the powers vested in it by the Constitution, the Omnibus Election Code, Republic Acts Nos. 6646 and 7160 and other pertinent laws, the Commission on Elections has resolved to adopt, as it hereby adopts, the following CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND PERIODS OF PROHIBITED ACTS for the October 21, 2004 Barangay Recall Election for Punong Barangay of Barangay Dela Paz, Panaon, Misamis Occidental:

DATE/PERIOD	ACTIVITIES	PROHIBITED ACTS
October 12, 2004 (TUES) to October 21, 2004 (THURS)	ELECTION PERIOD	1. Bearing, carrying or transporting of firearms or other deadly weapons in public places including any building, street, park, private vehicle or public conveyance, even if licensed to possess or carry the same, unless authorized in writing by the Commission (Sec. 216 (p), (q), (s), OEC, as amended by Sec. 32. RA No. 7166. 2. Transfer and detail of officers and employees in the Civil Service including public school teachers (Sec. 261) (h), OEC) 3. Use of security personnel or bodyguards by candidates, whether or not such bodyguards are regular members or officers of the PNP or AFP or other law enforcement agency of the government [Sec. 261 (t), OEC, as amended by Sec. 33, RA No. 7166] 4. Suspension of any elective provincial, city, municipal or barangay officer [Sec. 261 (x), OEC]
October 12, 2004 (TUES) October 21, 2004 (THURSDAY)		1. Appointments or hiring of new employees, creation or filling new positions, promotions or giving of salary increases, remuneration or privilege [Sec. 261 (g), OEC] 2. Electioneering [Sec. 261 (k), OEC 3. Raising of funds thru dances, lotteries, cockfights, etc. [Sec. 97, OEC]
October 14, 2004 (THURS) October 15, 2004 (FRI)	FILING OF CERTIFICATES OF CANDIDACY	
October 14, 2004 (THURS) October 19, 2004 (TUES)	CAMPAIGN PERIOD Holding of barangay assembles and/ or candidates fora	1. Posting, displaying, distributing, using of illegal campaign materials [Sec. 85, OEC] 2. Removing, destroying obliterating, defacing, tampering, or preventing distribution of lawful election propaganda [Sec. 83, OEC]. 3. Making any donation or gift in cash or in kind, etc. [Sec. 104, OEC] 4. Use of armored/ land/ water/ aircraft [Sec. 261®, OEC] 5. Appointing or using special policemen, special agents, confidential agents, or the like [Sec. 261 (m), OEC] 6. Unauthorized use of security personnel or bodyguards [Sec. 261 (t), OEC]. 7. Construction or maintenance of provincial city, municipal or barangay funded roads and bridges [Sec. 3, RA 6679].
October 14, 2004 (THURS) - October 21, 2004 (THURS)	Posting of List of Voters as of December 2003	
October 14, 2004 (THURS) - October 20, 2004 (WED)	Constitution and submission on Boards of Election Tellers and Board of Canvassers	
October 20, 2004 (WED) - October 21 (THURS), 2004		
October 21, 2004 (THURS)	ELECTION DAY From 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	LIQUOR BAN 1. Campaigning [Sec. 3, OEC] 2. Selling, furnishing, offering, buying liquor, etc. [Sec. 261 (dd)(1), OEC]. 3. Holding of fairs, cockfights, boxing, horse races, jai-alai or similar sports [Sec. 261 (dd)(3), OEC]. 4. Electioneering [Sec. 261 (k), OEC]. 5. Giving/ accepting free transportation, foods, drinks and things of value [Sec. 89, OEC] 6. Opening of booths or stalls for the sale, etc., of wares, merchandise, or refreshments, within thirty (30) meter radius from polling place [Sec. 261 (dd)(2), OEC]
October 22, 2004 (FRIDAY) to- October 25 (MON)		Filing of Statements of Contributions and Expenditures.
October 25, 2004 (MON)		LAST DAY OF ELECTION PERIOD

The Executive Director, the Deputy Executive Director for Operations, the Election and Barangay Affairs Department and the Regional Election Director of Region X are directed to immediately implement this Resolution.

The Education and Information Department is directed to cause the dissemination of this Resolution and its publication in two (2) newspapers, one (1) of which is of general circulation and one (1) of local circulation in the Philippines.

The Resolution shall take effect upon its publication.

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Land Transportation Office invites all reputable contractors duly accredited with DTI/SEC to submit bids for Janitorial Services for CY 2005.

Services to be bid	Description	Approved Budget
1. Janitorial Services	Total No. of Janitors - 26 Contract Period-January 1 to December 31, 2005	P2,979,512.64
2. Freight Services	Freight Service for the Shipment of LTO forms, plates, stickers, equipment including vanity plates Contract period-January 1 to December 31, 2005	P5,198,118.49

Interested eligible bidders may secure eligibility/bid documents required during office hours at the BAC Secretariat/Property Officer of this Office starting **October 29, 2004** until **November 3, 2004**. Pre-bidding conference will be on **November 4, 2004** at 2:00 p.m. at the LTO Library, East Avenue, Quezon City.

Eligible bidders shall submit the Eligibility Requirements/Bid Price Proposals and other required documents addressed to BAC Chairman and at the Office of the same, Land Transportation Office, East Avenue, Quezon City at 2:00 p.m. on **November 16, 2004** and to be opened of the same time and date.

The LTO neither assumes any obligation whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expenses or loss that may be incurred in the preparation of their bid nor does it guarantee that award will be made.

The LTO reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, ban any bidder with unsatisfactory and derogatory track record. LTO may award the aforesaid projects to any contractor whose proposal as evaluated by the LTO-BAC is most advantageous to the government.

(Sgd.) **ATTY. BELLA G. BERMUNDO**
BAC, Chairman

(PDI - Oct. 21, 2004)

Industrial relations conference

THE PHILIPPINE Industrial Relations Society, Inc. (PIRS) will hold its National Conference (NC) on Industrial Relations on Nov. 11-12 at the Dusit Hotel Nikko. NC's theme is "Quality Partnerships Towards a Decent Workplace: Blending Homegrown with Global Practices and Strategies." Keynote speakers are DOLE Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas who will talk on the "Philippine Labor Updates and Policy Directions" and ILO-Manila Director Werner Blenk who will speak on "Promoting Fair Globalization and Decent Work: The Scorecard from the Viewpoint of ILO."

Session topics are: Sharing the Success of Employees' Council; Examining the State of Labor-Management Relations in the Philippines; Strategic Role of IR/HR in Transforming Enterprises into Globally Competitive Workplaces; Blending New Trends in IR/HR Through Alternative Disputes Settelement; Innovation in Collective Bargaining; From Adversarial to Quality Partnerships at the Workplace: Blending with Best Practices on Quality Partnerships at the Workplace; Learning from Best Practices in L-M Relations; Learning from Global Best Practices on Quality Partnerships at the Workplace; Learning from Best Practices in Productivity; Sharing the Successes of Filipino Enterprises; Homegrown Best Practices and Strategies for Global Competitiveness; Social Dialogue on Wage Fixing and Phil. IR, and Corporate Social Responsibility.

Invited speakers for the learning sessions come from the government, employer, academe and labor sectors. Interested parties may call the PIRS Secretariat: Dick – 948-3559; Ria – 890-4889; William – 962-0608 or email: pirs_natcon@yahoo.com.

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Land Transportation Office invites all reputable contractors duly accredited with DTI/SEC to submit bids for Security Services for CY 2005.

Services to be bid	Description	Approved Budget
1. Security Services	**For Day Shift:** 12 hours duty - 12 guards 8 hours duty - 24 guards **For Night Shift:** 12 hours duty - 8 guards 8 hours duty - 2 guards Contract Period - January 1 to December 31, 2005	P8,818,323.12

Interested eligible bidders may secure eligibility/bid documents required during office hours at the BAC Secretariat/Property Officer of this Office starting **October 29, 2004** until **November 3, 2004**. Pre-bidding conference will be on **November 5, 2004** at 2:00 p.m. at the LTO Library, East Avenue, Quezon City.

Eligible bidders shall submit the Eligibility Requirements/Bid Price Proposals and other required documents addressed to BAC Chairman and at the Office of the same, Land Transportation Office, East Avenue, Quezon City at 2:00 p.m. on **November 18, 2004** and to be opened of the same time and date.

The LTO neither assumes any obligation whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expenses or loss that may be incurred in the preparation of their bid nor does it guarantee that award will be made.

The LTO reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, ban any bidder with unsatisfactory and derogatory track record. LTO may award the aforesaid projects to any contractor whose proposal as evaluated by the LTO-BAC is most advantageous to the government.

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His remains will be at:
– Loyola Memorial Chapels, Guadalupe Chapel D, October 20 – October 22
– San Felipe Neri Parish Mortuary, October 23 – 26.

Cremation will be on October 26, 12 noon at Loyola, Guadalupe after 9:30 a.m. Mass at San Felipe Neri Parish.

His ashes will be brought to:
– San Martin de Porres Home for Street Children, San Pablo City on October 27, 8:00 am
– St. John the Baptist Church, Daet, Camarines Norte on October 27 – October 29.

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Francisca Faderan Bagasao

May 12, 1915 – September 10, 2004

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Her children, grandchildren and other family members thank one and all who offered condolences, masses, and prayers. She will be dearly missed.

VIRGILIA ORBETA AMAYA

*Peacefully joined our Creator on
October 20, 2004 at the age of 77 years.*

Her remains lie at the Holy Family Parish Church, BF Homes, Almanza 1, Las Piñas City.

Interment will be on October 24, 2004, 9:00 a.m. at the Manila Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque City.

An obituary with a picture can be a fitting tribute to your departed loved one.

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Dr. Felino G. Castro
MD, FPCP, FPAFP

of Tibag Baliuag, Bulacan

*Peacefully joined our Lord on
October 18, 2004 at the age of 82.*

His loving wife **Nancy**; children **Freddie** and **Lulu, Carina** and **Armando, Boyet** and **Riza** and **Marife**; together with brother **Dr. Jose** and sister **Carolina Rustia**; grandchildren, relatives and friends request the pious reader to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at his residence, Tibag Baliuag, Bulacan.

Interment will be on Saturday,
October 23, 2004 after the 2:00 o'clock p.m.
Mass at the Baliuag Catholic
Cemetery, Baliuag Bulacan.

Engr. Rogelio R. Oasan

Assistant Regional Director
Region III, LTFRB, San Fernando, Pampanga

*Peacefully joined his Creator
on October 18, 2004 at the age of 63.*

His loving wife **Caridad Arias-Oasan**; son **Carlo**; sisters **Loreta O. Olivia** and **Violeta O. Baraoidan** request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the family residence in Baay Centro, Lingayen, Pangasinan.

Interment will be at the Lingayen Catholic Cemetery on Sunday, October 24, 2004, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

**The Missionary Sisters
Servants of the Holy Spirit**

Announce the death of

SISTER THERESIANE, S.Sp.S. (HILDEGARD BOCK)

*on October 20, 2004 at the age of 83
at the Convent of the Holy Spirit, Quezon City.*

Mass of the Resurrection will be offered on
Friday, October 22, 2004 at 9:00 A.M.
At the Convent of the Holy Spirit
8 Poinsettia Road, Quezon City.

Interment will follow
At the Christ the King Cemetery
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*You are gone but for us you never left
God has you in his keeping
We have you in our heart*

So Dearly Remembered

on the 10th Death Anniversary of

ERNESTO RODIL REGIO

of Torrijos, Marinduque and Quezon City

who joined his Creator on October 22, 1994

Masses will be offered tomorrow, October 22, 2004 at the following churches:

Immaculate Concepcion Parish, *Cubao, Quezon City*	*5:30 a.m.*
Monasterio De Sta. Clara, *Katipunan, Quezon City*	*6:00 a.m.*
Paroquia ng San Ignacio De Loyola, *Torrijos, Marinduque*	*6:00 a.m.*
Our Lady of Loreto Parish, *Sampaloc, Manila*	*6:00 a.m.*
Sacred Heart Parish, *Gloria, Oriental Mindoro*	*6:30 a.m.*
Mt. Carmel Shrine, *New Manila, Quezon City*	*7:00 a.m.*
Nativity of Our Lady Parish, *Industrial Valley Subd., Marikina City*	*7:00 a.m.*
Church of St. Ignatius, *Loyola 980 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. U.S.A.*	*5:30 p.m.*

The family requests the pious readers and those whose life he touched to say a prayer for his eternal rest.

God has you in His keeping; we have you in our hearts...

IN LOVING MEMORY

on the First Death Anniversary of

Milagros Lontok Katigbak

who passed on to Eternal Life on October 22, 2003

**The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass shall be offered
on October 22, 2004 at the following churches:**

St. Patrick's Church, *Markham, Ontario, Canada*	8:30 AM
San Sebastian Cathedral, *Lipa City*	8 AM
Our Lady of Mediatrics Carmel, *Lipa City*	4 PM
Santuario De San Antonio, *Forbes Park, Makati City*	6 PM
St. Anthony De Padua Cathedral, *Masbate*	6 AM
San Diego Pro Cathedral, *Silay City*	6 AM
Marianne Missionaries, *Silay City*	6:30 AM
St. Anthony Church, *Villasis, Pangasinan*	6:30 PM

The family requests the pious readers to include **MILA** in their prayers.

DOLORES CLEMENTE MENDOZA

widow of the late **Antonio Javier Mendoza**

January 2, 1920 – October 19, 2004

We will miss our Mom very much

Vic & Cecile Dimagiba *children*: **Vicvic & Ana, Ana Patricia (†) Podge,**
and *grandchild* **Maidie**
Chito & Julie Mendoza *children*: **Tony, Ivan** and **Hans**
Panky & Joszee Agloro *children*: **Paolo** and **Carlo**
Joey & Pixie Mendoza *children*: **Miren, Maita** and **Avi**
Roehl & Maryrose Arenas *children*: **Ian** and **Cara**

Mom's brother and sisters and our other relatives
join us in requesting pious readers to pray
for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains are now at the Chapel of the Resurrection,
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish (beside Claret School,
UP Village, Quezon City)

Interment will be on Sunday, October 24, 2004
at Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina after the 1:00 pm Holy Mass.

"...absent from the body to be present with the Lord." 2 Corinthians 5:8

A Double Take on SKINCARE

What makes a successful center? What makes clients come again and again for their facial treatments? I believe no one can best answer these questions than the skincare center which has been around for more than two decades already -- Facial Care Centre.

Aivee Crawley, manager of Facial Care Centre Makati says, "The success of our center lies in state-of-the-art treatments, excellent service, and a continuous acquisition and introduction of the latest skincare breakthroughs. In fact, this year alone, we have introduced two new treatments which men and women will surely love."

Indeed, the new treatments are very promising. First is the **LightCure Acne Therapy** -- the latest technology for the treatment of acne or pimples. We've asked Dr. Isabelita Joya, Facial Care Centre's resident dermatologist, what the treatment is all about and how it works.

Aivee Crawley

Dr. Isabelita Joya

"**LightCure Acne Therapy** is a treatment for all types of acne (pimples) for all ages," says Dr. Joya. "It uses the emission of exact wavelengths of light at the most effective intensity for maximum photo-destruction of acne bacteria and reduction of skin inflammation. So there's no need to prick, take pills or have the injections just to treat acne."

"A special kind of bacteria called propionibacterium acnes (p. acnes) is responsible for the inflammation of acne lesions. LightCure works by using high-intensity blue-violet light that activates photosensitizers called porphyrins, produced by these bacteria in the sebaceous glands. When porphyrins are activated by the high-intensity of light, they start a chemical reaction that produces peroxides, which in turn, selectively destroys the p. acnes bacteria, without harming surrounding tissues," she further explains.

LightCure Treatment

BEFORE
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LightCure Before & After Acne Treatment

Asked how safe the treatment is, Dr. Joya confidently says, "LightCure is among the safest skin treatments available because the light emitted is UV-free, natural and not harmful at all. It has no side effects, no risks of burns or pigmentation changes, and is FDA-approved."

We've also learned that compared to other treatments, LightCure is way ahead. It produces results up to 3 times faster than any other acne treatment -- without disruption to your lifestyle. An additional benefit, LightCure Acne Therapy can treat acne on any part of your body and has long-lasting preventive effect.

Already proven effective by Facial Care Centre's clients, LightCure Acne Therapy is indeed the real solution to your persistent acne problems.

The other treatment recently introduced by Facial Care Centre is the **Vita Spa Facial Treatment.** This time, Aivee Crawley is the one who talked to us about this new treatment.

"Vita Spa is an experience for the senses...the ultimate indulgence," according to Aivee. "As the name implies, it makes use of essential vitamins that are really good for your skin. Vita Spa is composed of 2 treatments: **Vita A.C.E. and Vita Velvet,** which give you the relaxing feeling of a spa treatment."

"**Vita A.C.E.** is a cooling, refreshing treatment that utilizes the benefits of vitamins A, C, and E in highly concentrated form, to enhance the skin's resistance to various elements and replenish vital moisture that leaves your skin with a wonderful glow.

"**Vita Velvet**, on the other hand, is a luxurious treatment that combines the benefits of an age-defying facial and a rejuvenating massage. It deep-cleanses, energizes and reduces visible ageing signs, reviving the elasticity and suppleness of your skin through a pampering massage that ensures its benefits and has a relaxing effect on your senses. Vita Velvet is definitely an indulgence that's beyond spa."

An instant favorite of Facial Care Centre clients, everyone really appreciates the many benefits they get from Vita Spa.

One very satisfied client, model **Patty Betita**, has this to say, "I love it! It's very refreshing...the massage was so relaxing...and the mask was my favorite part because it was so cold and soothing, I actually slept during the treatment. Afterwards, my skin felt so fresh and smooth like a baby's skin. It really felt so good, I told myself, I really love this treatment."

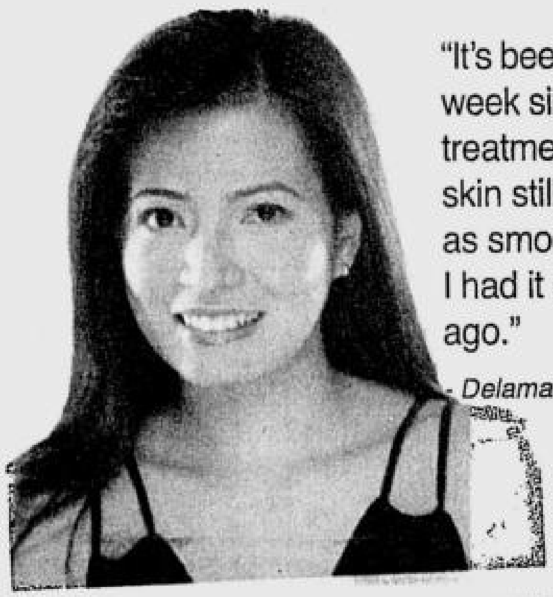
RX93.1 disc jockey **Delamar** adds, "I like it! It's cold and relaxing and it seems that the effect lasts longer on me. It's been exactly one week since I tried the treatment and my skin still feels just as smooth as when I had it seven days ago. I think the name Vita Velvet sums up what the treatment promises -- a vibrant, lively smoothness!"

Makeup artist **Barbi Chan** couldn't agree more, "It's very, very relaxing...and I love the smell. It's very citrusy. I guess it's the whole ritual that relaxes you. From the massage...to the very cold mask...you really have to set aside an hour-and-a-half to get the full benefit. After the treatment, my skin felt firm...my pores tightened...and during the whole day, my skin was dewy and glowing. I didn't even put makeup on because my face already looked radiant!"

Facial Care Centre Clients on Vita Spa

"I really love this treatment."

- Patty Betita



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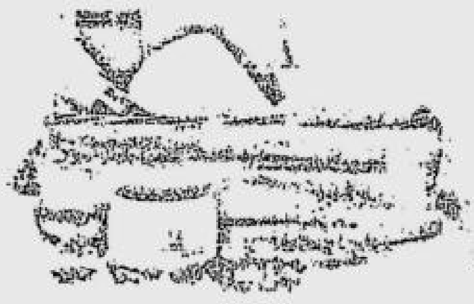
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22 years of unparalleled skincare expertise -- constantly bringing in the latest technological breakthroughs and treating clients to the ultimate skin pampering performed only by seasoned therapists -- truly sets Facial Care Centre apart from other skincare clinics and salons. Countless women (and men) attest to this professionalism, including celebrities, businesswomen, homemakers, and many others from different walks of life. And this October, as Facial Care Centre celebrates its 22nd anniversary, everyone would surely be excited to know that they're giving away up to **40% discount** the whole month.

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To know more about Facial Care Centre's professional skincare service or to schedule your FREE consultation, call 892-SKIN (7546).

HERE comes the sexy chef /C2

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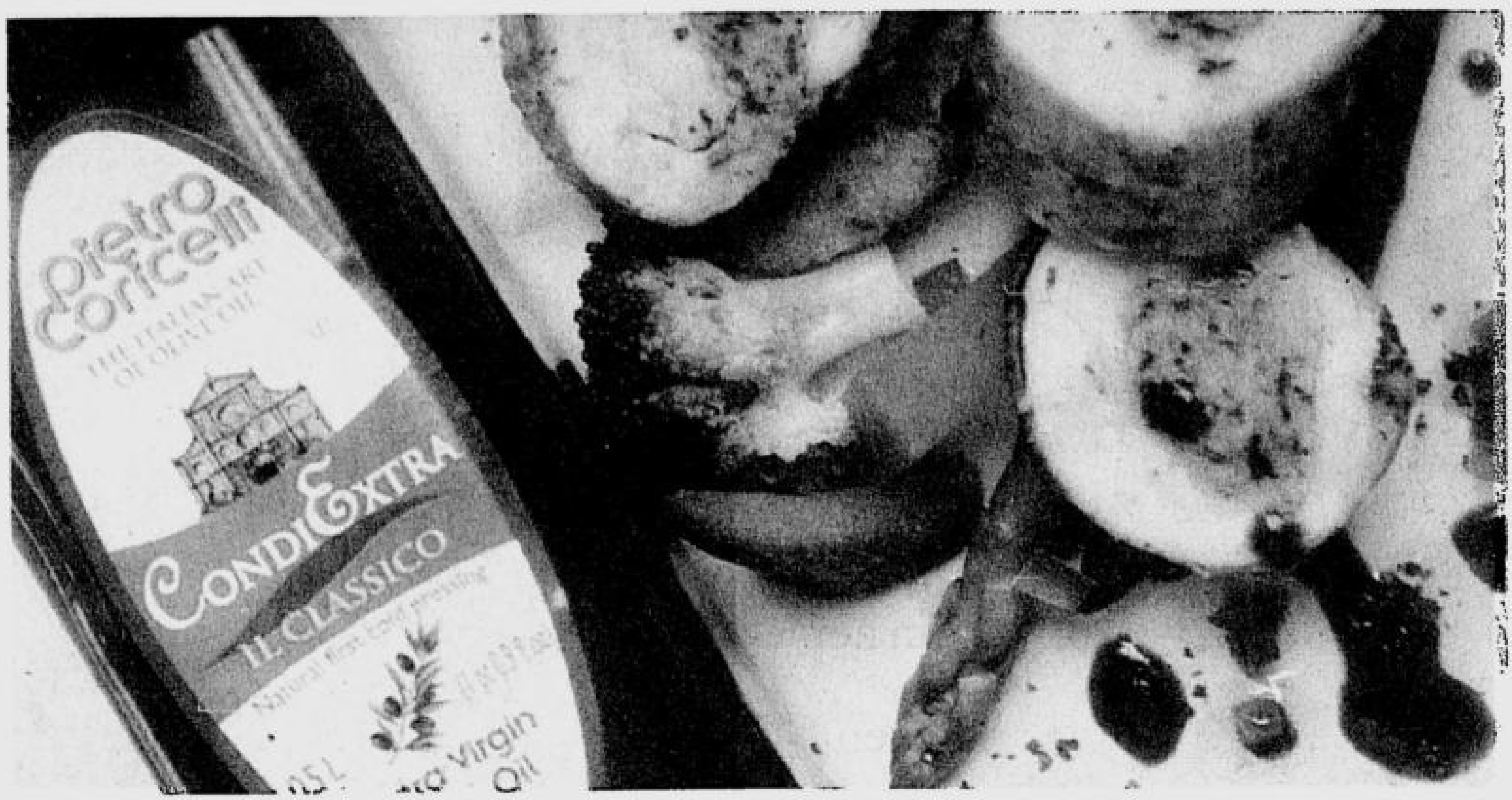

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Get to know your olive oil

Choosing what is best is much like selecting a good wine

Text by Vangie Baga-Reyes
Photos by Roger Carpio

OLIVE oil has acquired a reputation for being good for people's health. With high levels of beneficial fatty acids and antioxidants (substances that fight the highly active and damaging free radicals), and low cholesterol, it is supposed to help prevent heart diseases, cancer and other diseases.

But not all olive oils are created equal, so, how do you decide what kind to buy?

Italian chef Gioachino Brambilla says olive oil is like wine.

"Like fine wines, the taste, flavor, color and consistency of olive oil vary due to different varieties, location and weather. The olive oils of some small producers are treated and priced like fine vintage wines," explains Brambilla, who was in town recently to

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Cooking 2: Oct. 26-29 or Nov. 9-12 (T-F) 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Review of Basic Culinary Principles; Meal Management; Knowledge of Herbs, Spices and Condiments; Basic Maintenance and Preservation of Food (Proper Receiving, Storage and Preparation); Menu Planning, Kitchen Accounting and Recipe Formulation; Actual Workshop on International Cuisine, Ethnic Cooking, Hors d'oeuvre, Salad, Cooked/Cured/Prepared foods and Quick Desserts; Market Basket Activity. Free Maya Kitchen's Mix & Match International cookbook. P5,000.
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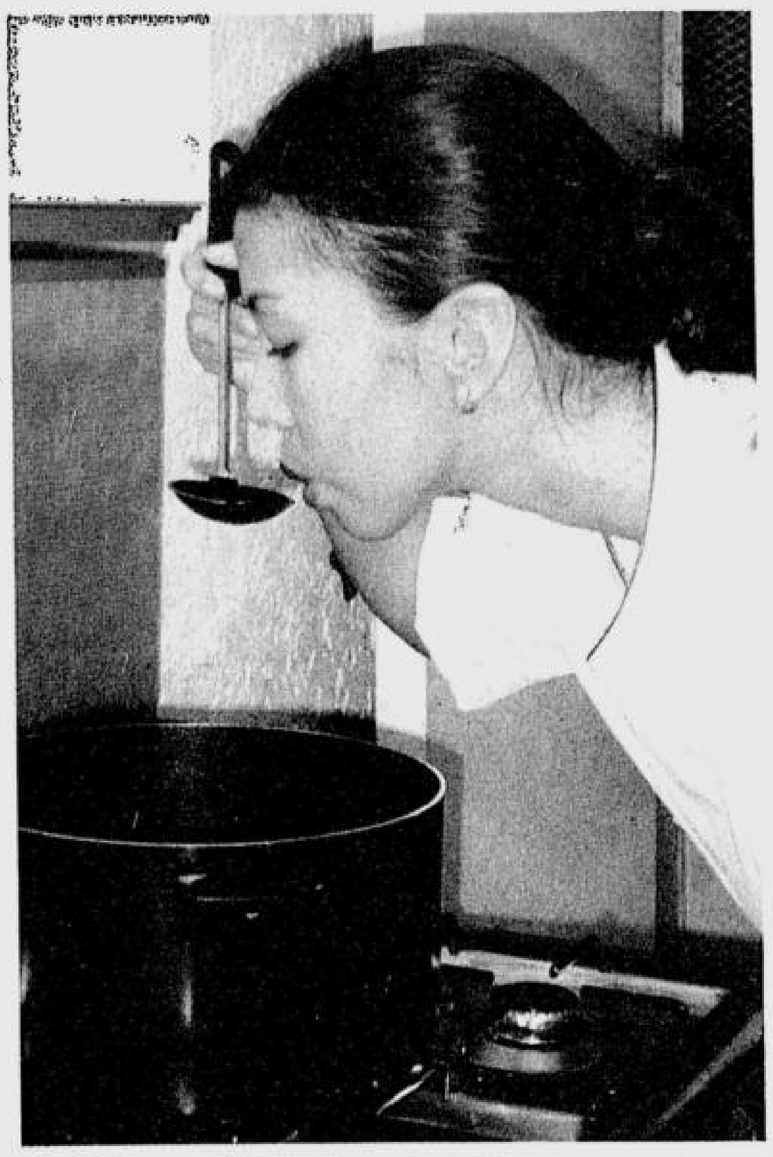
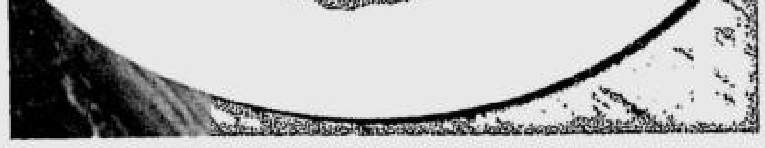
THEIR best advertisements: singer Rachel Alejandro and sister chef Barni Alejandro

Rachel Alejandro's younger sister Barni offers SBD catering direct from her kitchen



BARNI makes sure her meals are tasty and flavorful.

Sexy chef to the rescue



SPINACH and Cheese Quiche Cup

By Anne A. Jambora

WHEN it comes to shedding unwanted flab—all dreadfully frightening 20 pounds of it—this sexy chef knows what she's doing. It was, ironically, her resolve 10 years ago to whittle down her weight from 125 to 105 pounds that led her to putter around the kitchen and concoct her figure-friendly menu.

"When Barni started cooking—*aba, pumayat*! She has been cooking for me since so healthy *'yung mga kinakain ko*. I'm never sick. I don't even remember the last time I got sick," says singer Rachel Alejandro, older sister to Barni.

"We have been eating a diet similar to the South Beach Diet all this time but just didn't know it," adds Barni.

Both daughters of singer Hajji Alejandro have stuck to their ideal weight, an aunt reached hers, a cousin with a big appetite enjoyed the generous serving, Rachel's manager went from a size 12 down to a size 6.... the list of success stories goes on and on.

Today, after cooking for family and friends for the longest time, Barni is ready to share her gourmet—and many satisfied clients swear "tasty"—SBD menu with the local dieting community via her own catering service named The Sexy Chef (tel. 6819645, 0920-9043574). Because she doesn't have the overhead of a restaurant, she is able to offer SBD at only P800 per set (Phase 1), inclusive of three meals, two snacks and one dessert. (Phase 2 is also available at P1,000 per.)

Rachel says as much as they would like to keep the price affordable to every dieter, a menu that demands mostly imported ingredients, including cost of preparation and delivery, can only go as low at P800 per.

"You can't scrimp on the ingredients. I use a lot of white wine, balsamic vinegar, olive oil, herbs like parsley or basil, sugar-free organic peanut butter. I don't want the flavor to suffer," Barni says.

Taste is crucial

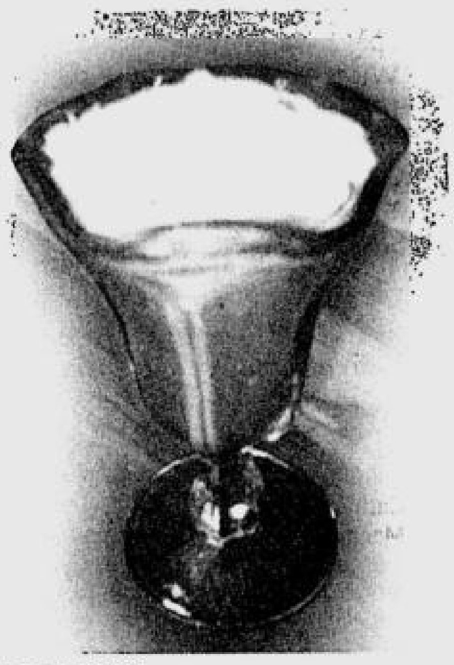
Indeed, trust Barni to know how exceedingly crucial taste and flavor are to a dieter who already feels deprived of the "good life" before even beginning the two-week "ordeal."

The SBD, says Barni, is tailored for the western tongue, which is too bland and dull for the Asian taste used to a fiery mix of spices and herbs. She says if the book's recipe were to be followed to the letter, Filipinos would find it extremely hard to keep the diet.

"The diet is very flexible. You don't need to follow every ingredient in the book. Just follow the rules: Lean ground beef, low fat and low sugar, etc.," says Barni. Besides, many of the ingredients are not readily available in the country, which can significantly reduce an entrée's flavor.

So sincere is Barni's concern for her clients' welfare that she even provides them a manual before going on the diet. In it are tips on, say, what dieters can have if they get hungry, what ingredients are available in the local market, what substitutes to use, etc. More importantly, Barni cautions her clients to never ever cheat on their diet to attain their optimum weight-loss capacity.

Barni also takes note of her clients' allergies—substituting shrimp for another ingredient, for instance—but certainly not their preferences. A diet is still a diet, and rules have to be strictly followed. Lean, white chicken will remain lean despite insistence to throw in a teeny-tiny slice of deliriously delicious skin.



CHOCOLATE Mousse

Food delivery is done every evening for the next day's set of meals. Since The Sexy Chef's kitchen is located in Marikina, delivery is limited, for now, to Marikina, QC and Makati, but only as far as Magallanes. Food, says Barni, must be delivered within 30 minutes as often as possible. A pickup point may be arranged for those living in far-off areas.

International menu

Barni's SBD has an international menu. There are Japanese, French, Italian, Filipino cuisines, a healthy variety of western and eastern meals, to keep the dieters interested and to hopefully inspire them to finish the two-week diet.

There's Osso Buco, an Italian gourmet entrée with lean, top round meat, whole-peeled tomatoes, basil, thyme, lemongrass and parsley in white wine and chicken stock. Spinach and Cheese Quiche Cup is baked spinach with eggs, reduced-fat cheese, green bell pepper, onion and garlic. Filipino treats are the likes of Chicken Adobo, Red-Egg Salad, Grilled Bangus, etc.

But at the end of the day, dieters always have their treat of healthy dessert. Barni says she especially makes sure her desserts are truly exciting. Already popular is the Chocolate Mousse, The Sexy Chef's version of coffee jelly called Coffee Custard, Vanilla Pudding, Almond Gelato.

"Desserts have to be enjoyable so that my clients always have something to look forward to each day," Barni says.

E-mail the author at ajambora@inquirer.com.ph

Organic wines are now in the market

HEALTHY Options marks its ninth anniversary by introducing premium organic wines from France, Italy, Spain, Chile, Argentina and South Africa.

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Research suggests that drinking alcohol moderately (two or three glasses of wine per day) can help lower cholesterol, decrease the risk of coronary heart disease and help people live longer.

Healthy Options wine list includes: The Organic Vintners Selections (Organic Vintners Rosso 2002, Organic Vintners Rouge 2001, Organic Vintners Chardonnay NV and Organic Vintners Bianco 2002), Domaine de Buis-Rond AOC Beaujolais 2001, Chateau Pouchard Larquey Entre Deux Mers, Bettili DOC Valpolicella 2001, Bettili IGT Veneto Merlot, Albet I Noya DO Penedes Tempranillo Classic 2001, Buenaventura Malbec 2003, Nuevo Mundo Cabernet Sauvignon/Malbec 2002, Pircas Negras Syrah, Pircas Negras Malbec, Pircas Negras Barbera, Sonop Sauvignon Blanc 2003 and Sonop Chardonnay.

Those who prefer champagne can choose from two selections from the Cellar Collection: Fleury Champagne Fleur de l'Europe Brut, and Fleury Champagne Non-Vintage Classic.

Healthy Options also has two non-alcoholic beverages: Knudsen Sparkling Organic Apple Cider and Amé Radiant Red Non-Alcoholic Wine.

Healthy Options is offering special single-bottle or twin-pack holiday gift boxes of organic wines.

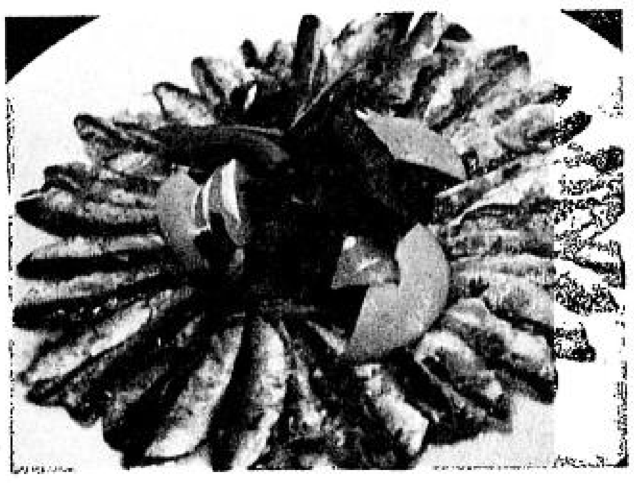
Check out Healthy Options stores at 1/L, Shangri-La Plaza Mall, Mandaluyong City; Rustan's Supermarket, Makati City; 2/L, Festival Supermall, Fil-invest, Alabang; G/L, Ayala Center, Cebu City; lower ground floor, SM City, North Edsa; 2/L, SM City, Manila; Greenbelt, Ayala Center, Makati City; 2/L, SM Megamall B, Edsa, Mandaluyong City; SM Pampanga, and SM Bicutan.

Visit www.healthyoptions.com.ph or call 7136930/31 or fax 7139450.

ORGANIC Vintners selections: Rosso 2002, Rouge 200, Chardonnay NV and Bianco 2002

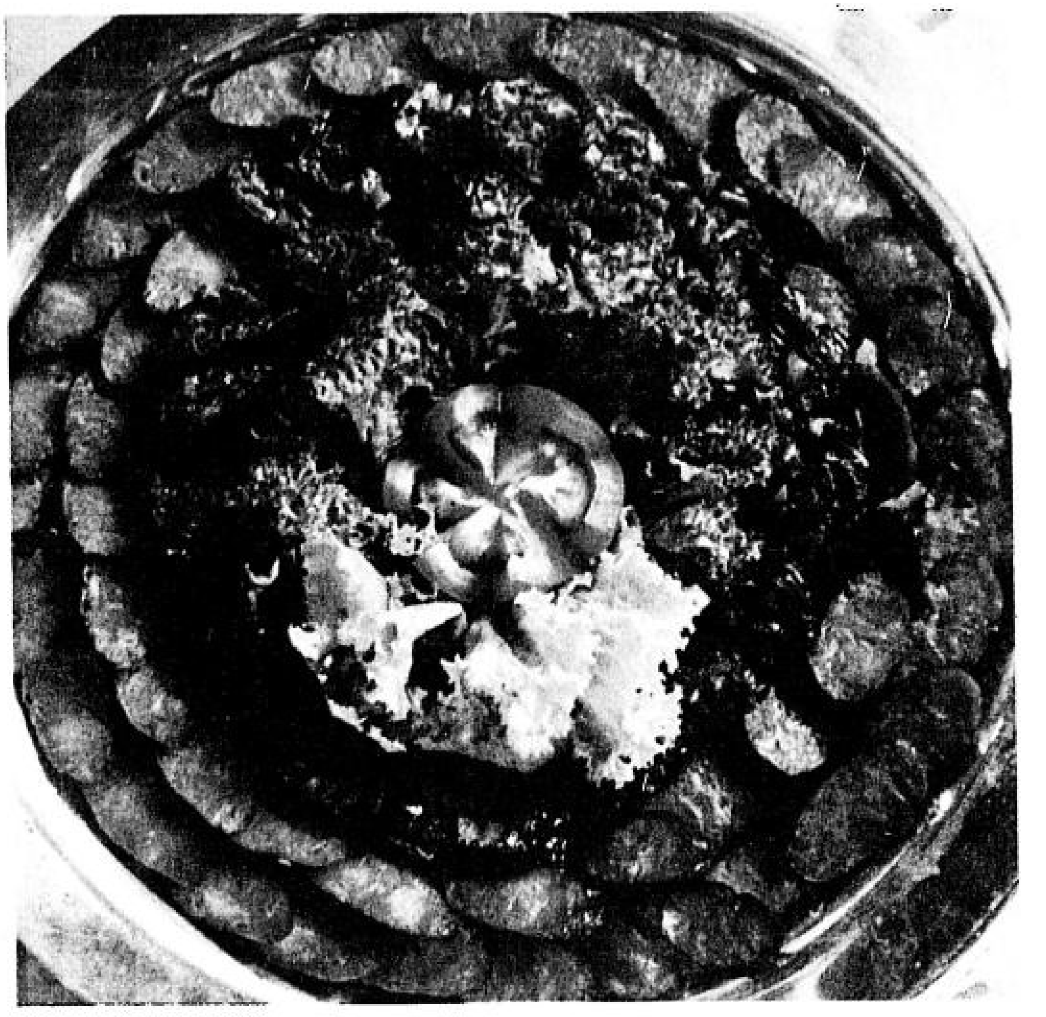
KNUDSEN Sparkling Organic Apple Cider

PIG'S Ears with Green Sauce



MACKEREL Vinaigrette

Experiencing Portugal



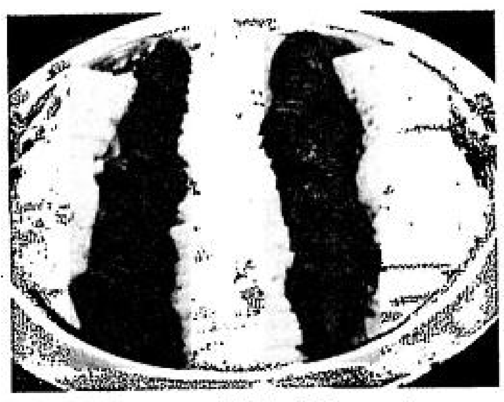
GRILLED Portuguese Sausage

Text by Bambi Harper
Photos by Betoy Johnson

CENTURIES of cross-cultural exchanges have given Portuguese cuisine a broad spectrum of tastes and textures. What is offered at the Jeepney Coffee Shop of the InterCon Hotel is a collection of regional cuisines, cooking styles and mentalities rather than a singular blend.

Imagine something as earthy and rustic as Pig's Ears with Green Sauce! A group of us, gathered at the Jeepney Bar for lunch courtesy of Portuguese Ambassador Joao da Silva and his gracious wife, Ulrike, immediately thought *Sisig*!

We savored a good sampling of the Portuguese cuisine's manifold flavors under the guidance of guest chef Luis Miguel Marques Caseiro, who worked for a couple of years in Macao so he was not a stranger to the Orient.



BLOOD Sausage with Fresh Pineapple

The meal started with some marvelous appetizers like Cod Salad with vinaigrette and a meat pie from northern Portugal. I had blood sausages (*morcilla* to us) with a slice of pineapple but the gentleman to my right had the roast Portuguese sausage with fried rice because this is, after all, how we eat our *longaniza*.

365 ways with 'bacalao'

Especially familiar to Filipinos is the dried cod or *bacalao* (*bacalhau* in Portuguese) that we associate with Good Friday. But we were told the Portuguese had over 365 recipes for *bacalhau*, more than one for each day of the year!

Imagine, the Portuguese were fishing for cod in Newfoundland's Grand Banks more than 500 years ago.

The Jeepney Coffee Shop buffet offers, among others, chef Caseiro's Codfish Pie, Cod Salad with chickpeas, Codfish with Corn Bread, Codfish "Narcisa" style, and Cod "Bras" style.

Seafood medley

You haven't lived if you haven't tried the Cataplana, a dish that traces its origins to the early 8th to mid-13th century. Invented by the Arabs who occupied Portugal for nearly 500 years, the dish is a medley of sea food—fish, shellfish, clams and sometimes chicken depending on what is available or the whim of the cook.

The dish derives its name from the *cataplana*, a hinged metal pan—a kind of pressure cooker—shaped like a clam shell. The pan is set on high fire and, thus, the ingredients are steamed to succulent goodness.

One dish that caught our eye and taste buds was the vegetable soup with stone, which not only has a curious name but an even more curious history. It seems a priest had nothing to eat and went around with a stone knocking on people's doors saying, "All I've got is a stone to eat."

One kind soul gave him cabbage and another gave him a piece of ham, another potatoes. When he finished, he had enough ingredients for a fine and hearty winter soup. So, when you go to the coffee shop, make sure to order the soup with stone and any of the 20 desserts offered.

M'ea culpa

I had five different puddings that day and the *leche flan*, too. Who could resist a flan of three egg yolks? (Our *tocino del cielo* has one, according to Claude Tayag who should know) The flavor, smooth texture and taste challenged my good intentions and I forgot about counting calories.

Savoring the desserts, you can taste the almonds, the oranges, the lemons and cinnamon, a reminder that globalization started a long time ago when Moluccas and Portugal traded with each other.

To eat is to absorb the essence of a place, culture and way of life all condensed in a special sensory experience. You can do just that with the Portuguese food fest at the InterCon's Jeepney Coffee Shop until Oct. 22.

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MAGNOLIA Dairy Ice Cream

An old favorite is back

SAN Miguel Corp. is reviving one of the most recognizable and enduring brands in the Philippines, the Magnolia Dairy Ice Cream, after a five-year hiatus.

Magnolia uses 100 percent milk-derived fat for a smoother texture and richer flavor. Its classic line is made with ripple or fruit bits while the Gold Label line has chunky inclusions.

At present, Magnolia also makes butter, cheese and margarine. The company reportedly accounts for nine out of every 10 non-refrigerated margarine product purchases in the Philippines and four out of every five refrigerated margarine products.

Magnolia's Classic flavors include:

Chocolate—Classic choco flavor swirled with rich chocolate ripple

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Vanilla—All-time favorite ice cream with natural vanilla flavor

Mango—Sun-ripened flavor of Philippine mangoes laced with mango ripples

Ube—Traditional **ube halaya** with *ube* swirls

Corn—Corn ice cream with real corn kernels

The Gold Label line has:

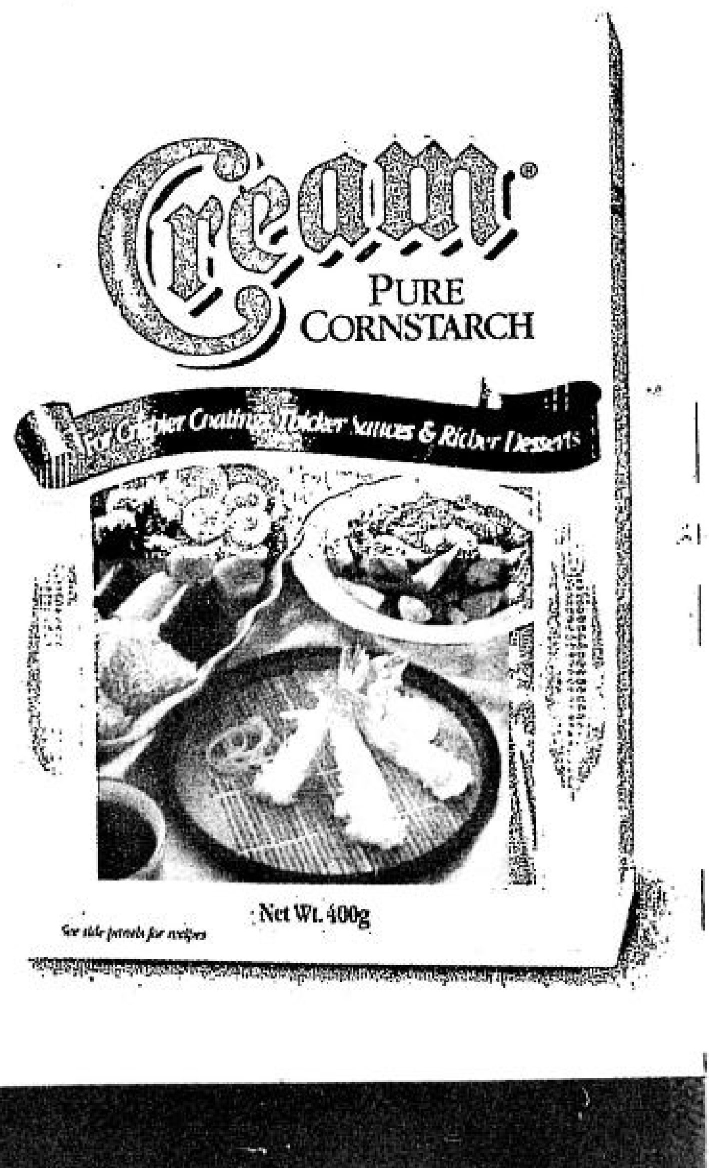
Cookies and Cream—Chunky chocolate cookies are added to thin luxury ice cream

Double Dutch—An overload of roasted cashew bits, choco chips, marshmallows and rich chocolate ripples

Dulce de Leche—Caramel custard ice cream with egg custard bits and milky caramel ripple

Rocky Road—Chocolate-based ice cream made with roasted cashew nuts and mini-marshmallows

Magnolia Dairy Ice Cream is now available in selected outlets in Metro Manila. Suggested retail price for Classic flavors is P170 and P335 for half and one gallon, respectively; P199 and P390 for half and one gallon Gold Label ice creams, respectively.



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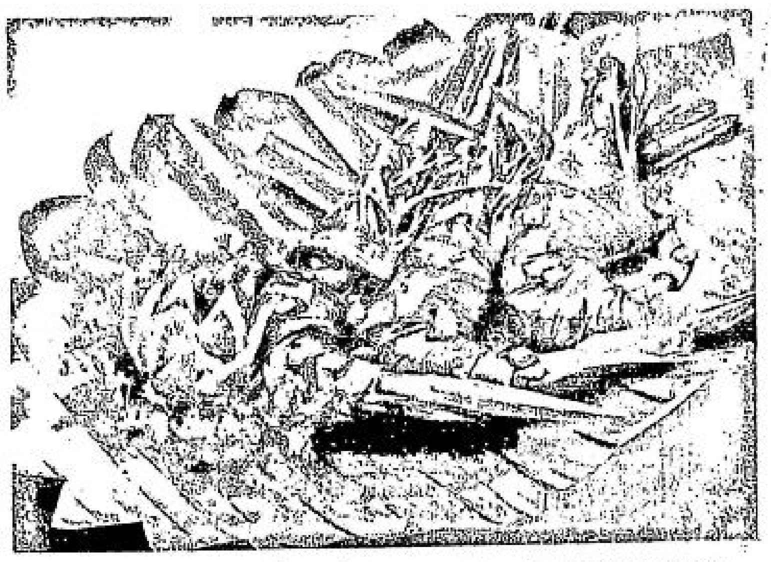
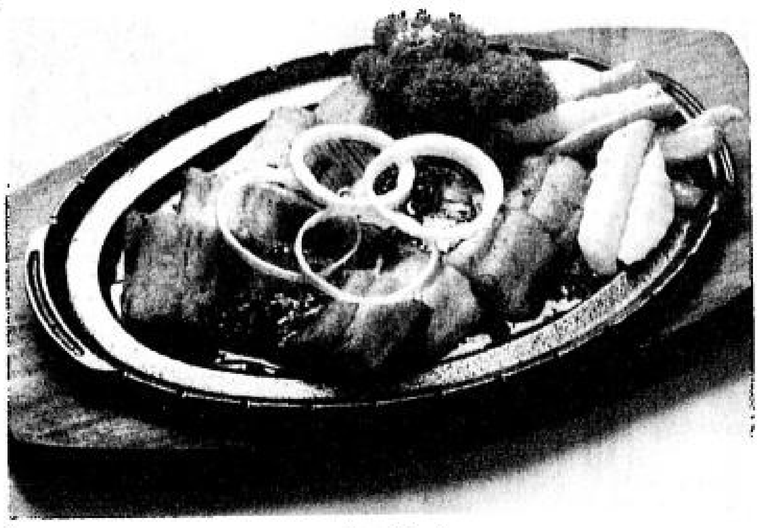
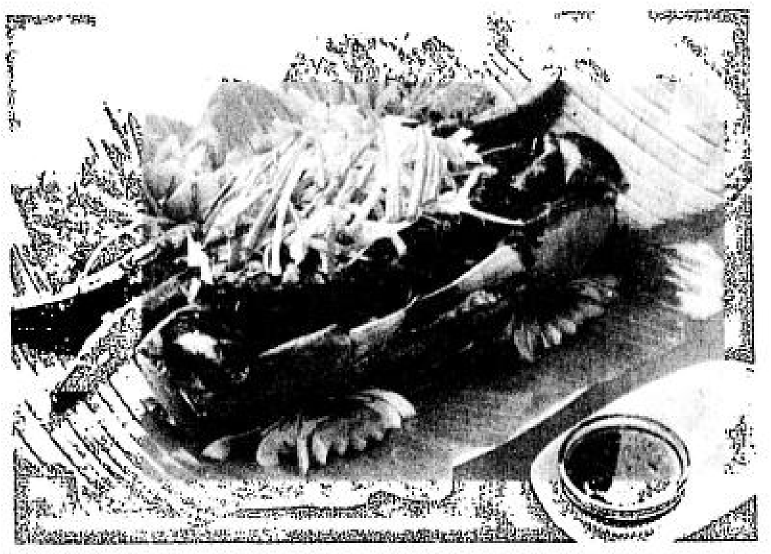


SUGPO Ginapos sa Pandan—giant prawns bundled up in aromatic pandan leaves



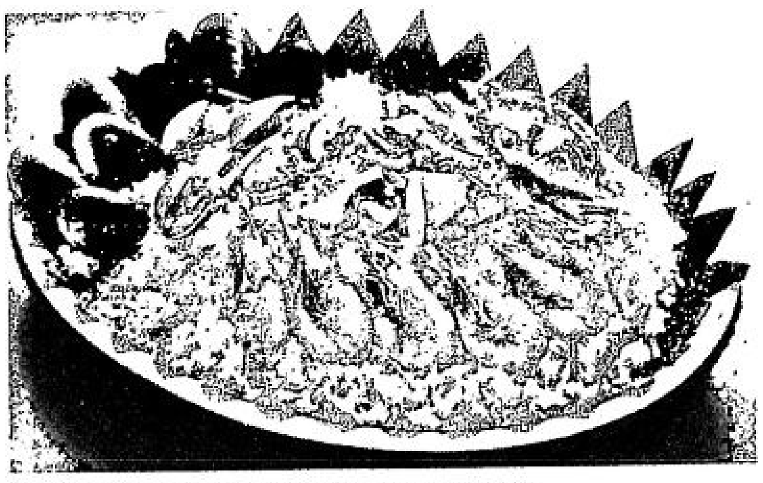
TIYAN ng Bangus or sizzling milkfish belly



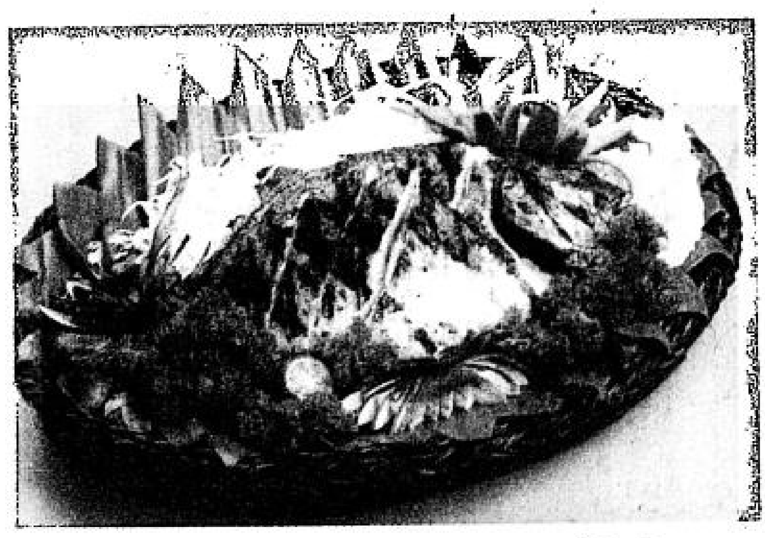
KING Crab, giant mangrove crab sauteed in sesame oil, Kamayan-style

The return of the native

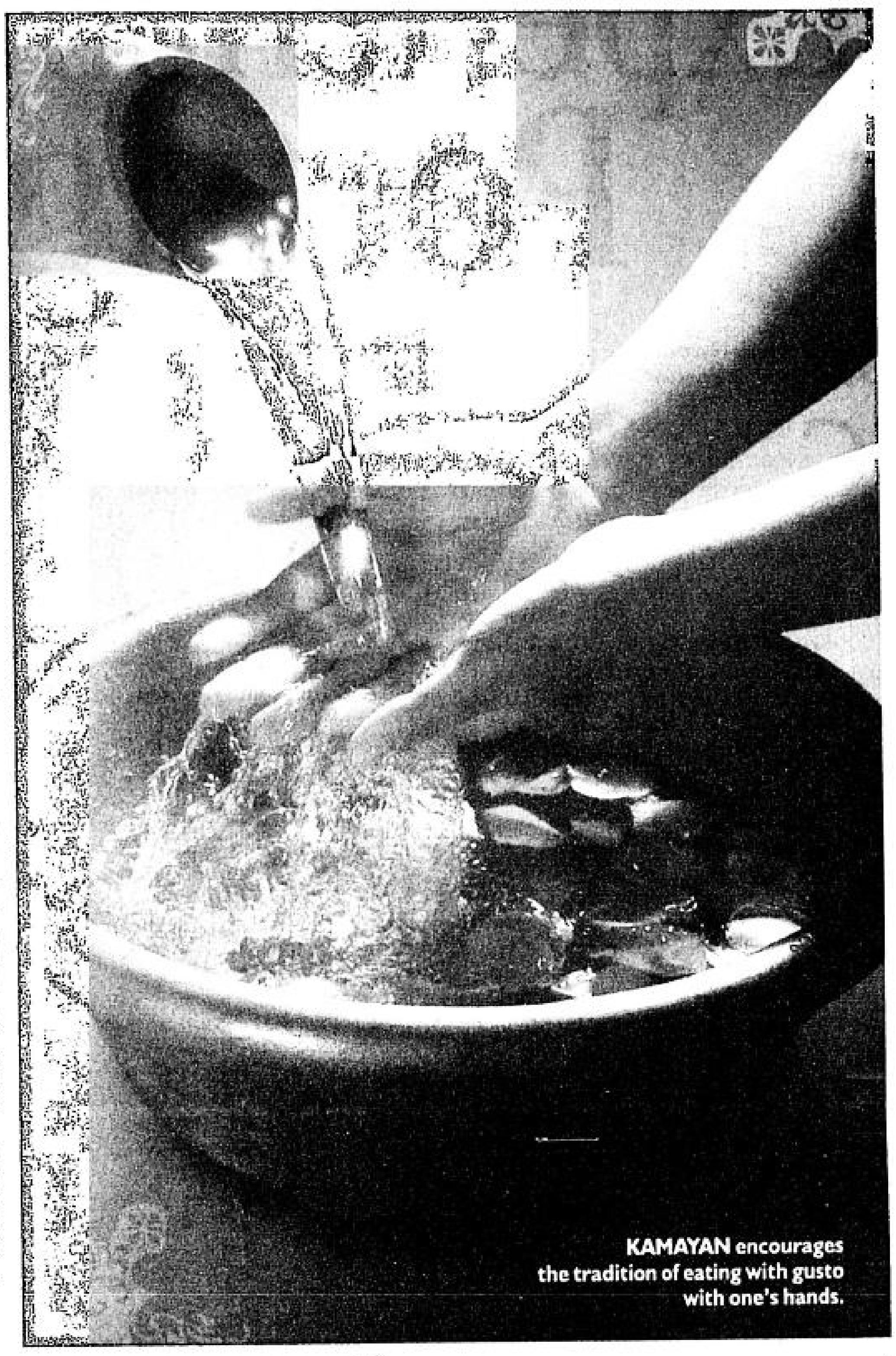
KUHOL sa Gata, Pinoy version of escargot in rich coconut milk



ASSORTED seafood top Kamayan's Seafood Rice



MALIPUTO, fish with melt-in-your-mouth texture thrives in Batangas is the scenic Taal Lake.



KAMAYAN encourages the tradition of eating with gusto with one's hands.

By Regina Rojas
Contributor

INSTEAD of inviting a whole host of friends, restaurateur Victor V. Villavicencio has chosen to revive the tradition of eating with hands at the original Kamayan on Pasay Road in a more intimate way.

If Villavicencio and company had invited a big crowd to celebrate the re-launch of Kamayan, they would have been forced to serve food on long buffet tables.

"Our guests would have had to line up to get their food," says Villavicencio. And that would have been the complete opposite of what he is now trying to espouse in the revitalized Kamayan.

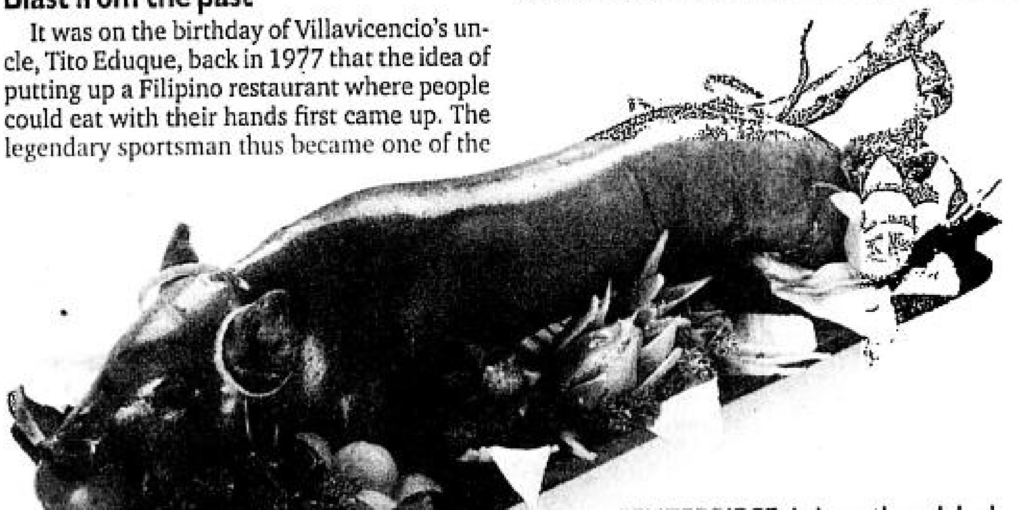
Ever the gracious host Villavicencio instead sent out special invitations, each offering a free sit-down, hands-on lunch or dinner for four. On the menu are Kamayan's unparalleled Lechon de Leche, King Crab flown in fresh from Roxas City, Charcoal-Broiled Maliputo fresh from Taal Lake in Batangas, Sizzling Balut, Chicharon Bisaya, Kilawin Tanigue, Barbecue Laing, Chicken Binakol poured from a bamboo tube, among others.

"This way our guests are able to enjoy a real Filipino fine-dining experience," says Villavicencio, who adds that he wants to revive the old glory of Kamayan before retiring. "I want to do this one last thing for my children."

To rekindle the Filipino's penchant for feasting and merry-making, Kamayan has not only gathered together tried-and-treasured recipes from various regions of the country, it has brought back the quality of service that has been the benchmark for traditional Filipino hospitality.

Blast from the past

It was on the birthday of Villavicencio's uncle, Tito Eduque, back in 1977 that the idea of putting up a Filipino restaurant where people could eat with their hands first came up. The legendary sportsman thus became one of the original partners in the original Kamayan on Pasay Road, along with Villavicencio.



CENTERPIECE de luxe, the original Kamayan Lechon de Leche: golden brown 4- to 6-week-old native-variety suckling pig roasted to perfection

OLD WORLD ambience in the newly refurbished Kamayan on Pasay Road

Immediately, the place elevated the image of the native restaurant from a lowly *karinderia* to a fine-dining area where the adventurous came to see and be seen—eating with their hands at that! Socialites, politicians, movie stars, basketball players and foodies all came to be "handprinted" on *bilaos*, which were then displayed on the walls.

At the same time that it encouraged the tradition of unabashedly eating with one's hands, Kamayan also brought back the sensuality of our forefathers' feasting—a whole, golden crisp *lechon de leche* brought to the table with no apologies, baskets heaping with lobsters, crabs, prawns, all kinds of grilled fish, *kuhol sa gata*, all to be devoured with hands.

Kamayan brought back the gentility of our past, combining the culture of dining sans Western implements with the robust flavors of our cuisine in a setting reminiscent of old Vigan houses. To complete the ambiance, there was soft piano or *rondalla* Filipino music. Kamayan started a wave of innovations across the country.

Few Filipinos can say today that they have not brought their foreign or *balikbayan* guests to Kamayan. Every time they dined there they would have had to tell the story of how ages ago, when *datus* and *lakans* ruled these sun-drenched islands, there was much to celebrate. The *dulang* (low table) was laden with the freshest, choicest and best food. Eating was a passion, and like all of life's pleasures, was enjoyed with bare hands and with abandon.

Roadwork on Pasay Road to put up the Skyway in what seemed to be an interminable amount of time kept diners away from Kamayan. But the recent refurbishing of the area, including the construction of a mall, have made people sit up and take notice again.

Villavicencio may say now that they never gave up on Kamayan for sentimental reasons, but one suspects he has held on for other reasons. He is, after all, the astute businessman and brains behind the all-you-can-eat buffet successes of the Triple V group of restaurants.

Dining *kamayan*-style is a tradition that has been handed down from generation to generation. And Villavicencio and his family are not about to give it up.

Kamayan is at 47 Pasay Road corner Santillan Street. Call 8151463 and 8433604; fax 8444562.

Restaurateur VicVic Villavicencio revives the sit-down, hands-on, no-holds-barred dining experience at Kamayan on Pasay Road

Make sure you're buying real virgin coconut oil

THE CONSUMER

Marietta Velasco Giron

IT'S high time the food and drug agency did something to regulate the production and sale of so-called virgin coconut oil (VCO). Now every Tom, Dick and Harry seem to be cashing in on the craze.

Current demand for VCO has reached a phenomenal level because of its vaunted health-promoting benefits ranging from reducing weight to moisturizing skin and hair and curing diseases. There are also suggestions it may be useful against HIV/AIDS, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome and some forms of cancer.

It is a complete turnaround from the days when health authorities, particularly in the United States, scorned coconut oil for containing highly saturated fat (the bad fat linked to clogged arteries), like animal fats.

We remember those days when Filipino scientists led by Dr. Conrado S. Dayrit and Dr. Quintin Kintanar waged a futile campaign abroad to debunk the wrongful accusations and save the dying coconut export industry. Expectedly, the scientific and medical proofs they presented in various fora fell on deaf ears.

Those were the days when US promoters were aggressively pushing soya as the safer choice over coconut food products.

Well, the situation has been reversed. The very market abroad that shut its doors to coconut oil is now excited over the health benefits of VCO causing the sudden surge in its production, not only in the Philippines but also in other Asian countries. We know for sure that local production has become a backyard enterprise. We have some friends who have gone into the production of VCO, which they sell to office workers and their neighbors.

Unfortunately, there are no set standards for the production and the marketing of VCO. This concern is being raised here and abroad. At a recent conference on coconut products, several scientists warned that consumption of VCO may be "tricky" for consumers.

From our e-mail

Concerned consumers are worried about the risks of adverse effects due to the lack of standards set by government regulators. Reader Regina Lopez's e-mail is probably a good example:

"I'd like to share with your readers my experience with VCO so as to alert less-informed consumers to make sure they are taking the real thing. I received my first bottle of VCO from my sister who bought it in an expo at the World Trade Center last May. I had read that VCO was excellent for the skin, so I applied it on a patch of perennially dry skin on my cheek—only to find it getting bigger, redder and more irritated—it felt exactly like a bad sunburn. I stopped using (the VCO), but I kept reading testimonials from people who swear by its efficacy."

Lopez wrote that she and her husband Eric were convinced to try VCO again by sales people manning the Carica herbal shop at SM-Manila. "Unlike the first brand I tried that was cloudy, their product was clear. It was also approved by BFAD (Bureau of Food and Drug), which [we believed] made it safe to take internally. My husband has been taking a tablespoon a day of this VCO and it has helped relieve his constipation, too."

She added, "We advise consumers to scrutinize the content of the product before buying it. VCO must be absolutely clear, not cloudy, and with no particles floating on it. Play safe by buying products only from reputable companies. By the way, we would like to take this opportunity to commend Lolita Laranjo, sales staff of Carica Herbal Products SM Manila branch, for patiently answering our endless queries and (setting to rest our) doubts about VCO."

More tips

Beware of hawkers who pass off *langis ng niyog* as virgin coconut oil. Authentic VCO is not cooked or heated. It goes through a process that calls for extracting the milk from freshly harvested, clean and healthy coconuts. It should contain the least amount of moisture to assure high quality VCO.

An Internet website says it is not virgin coconut oil if it looks cloudy when it liquefies into oil, or if it smells of "burnt rubber or rancid coconut."

TGI FRIDAY'S launches its Party Platters composed of Caesar Salad, Spicy New Orleans Pasta, Chicken Alfredo, Buffalo Wings Platter, Chicken and Shrimp Diablo, Chicken and Liempo combos, Inihaw na Liempo, Baby Back Ribs and Pacific Grilled Pork Chops. TGI Friday's is located at Glorietta 3, Robinsons Manila, Hotel Rembrandt-QC, Sta. Lucia East and Alabang Town Center.

Crustacean feast

DINING OUT

MAKATI Shangri-La's Inagiku offers King Crab, Grilled Amberjack Fish Head, Seaweed and Cucumber Salad and Tuna, Salmon and Lapu-Lapu Sashimi until Oct. 31. Call 8138888.

BURGOO American Bar and Restaurant gives children 10 years and below free kiddie meals on Oct. 30-Nov. 1. Kids who will come in a Halloween costume at all Burgoo outlets will automatically get a free meal of Chicken Tender Fries, Mini Pizza and Spaghetti with Meat Sauce for every order of any adult meal. Call 9277424, 6875254, 8981815 to 18.

CALIFORNIA Pizza Kitchen features Hot Fudge, Caramel Sundae, Apple Crisp, Key Lime Pie, Tiramisu, Chocolate Souffle Cake and Hot Fudge Brownie. CPK is located at Glorietta (8939898, 8939999), Alabang Town Center (8505771, 8506752), Edsa Shangri-La Plaza Mall (6877841, 6877842) and Tomas Morato (3727371, 3727372).

CHINESE Monk gives away free kiddie meals to children 10 years and below who will visit the restaurant in a Halloween attire on Oct. 30-Nov. 1. The restaurant offers Sweet and Sour Pork, Chicken or Fish, Mushu Pork, Kung Pao dishes, assorted dim sum, noodles and congees. Chinese Monk is located at the G/L, Power Plant Mall, Rockwell Center, Makati. Call 8973785, 8974129 or 8969429.

EDSA Shangri-La Manila's Nishiki features the Bonito Fish Festival until Oct. 31. The promo presents Grilled Bonito with Ponzu Sauce, Medium Grilled Bonito with garlic and leeks, Bonito with Cod Fish Roe and Bonito Miso Soup. Call 6347373.

TERIYAKI Boy introduces new dishes: Tonsai (thinly sliced pork and Chinese cabbage served with dipping sauce), Scallops Seafoods Kakiage with mixed seafood, fresh scallops and vegetables, Grilled Porkloin in Yakibuta sauce, Sauteed Vegetables with Chicken Liver and pork strips and Edamame. Teriyaki Boy is located at Madison Square Greenhills, Tomas Morato, Glorietta 3 Ayala Center, SM City Baguio and Festival Mall Alabang.

RED DOOR Resto, Grill and Cocktails along Shaw Blvd. Extn., Pasig serves Crispy Croquettes, Paella, Pepperoni Pizza, Oyster Rockefeller, Mixed Seafood Salpicao, Garlic Chicken, Asian Shrimp Salad and Lapu-Lapu with sweet and sour sauce. Call 7471191.

ENNYA Yakininu Japanese Restaurant offers authentic Japanese food: Tokujyo Kobe Karubi, Mino (Tare or Sio), Pork Toro Salted, Kurobota Misoyaki, Frank Fulter, Negi Tongue Shio (Grilled Tongue With Onion Leeks), Tokusenn Kobe (Sweet Sauce, Sauteed), Amiyaki Kobe Steak, Jou Karubi, and Tokujyo Kobe Negi Karubi. The restaurant is open daily for lunch and dinner. It is located at 806 Arnaiz Ave., San Lorenzo Village, Makati City.

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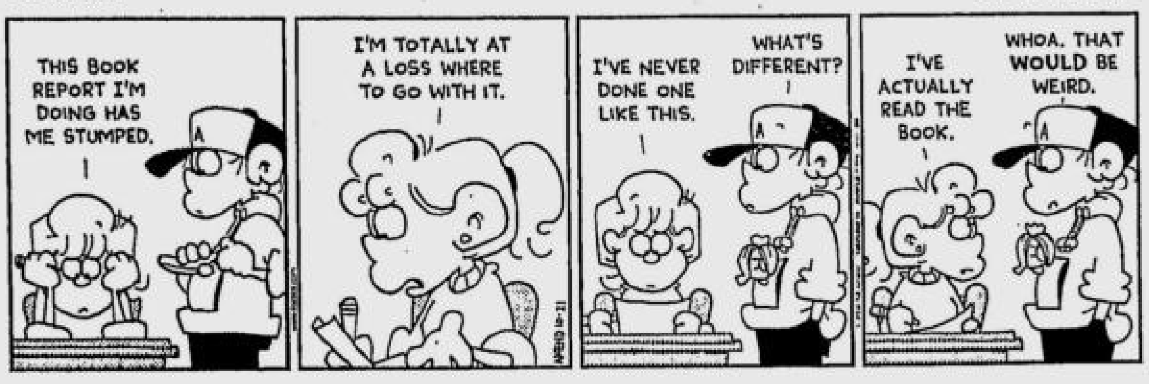
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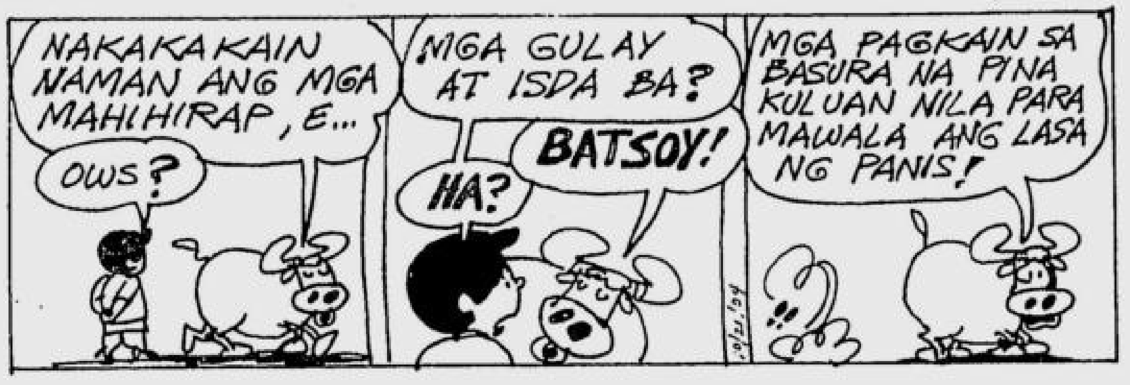
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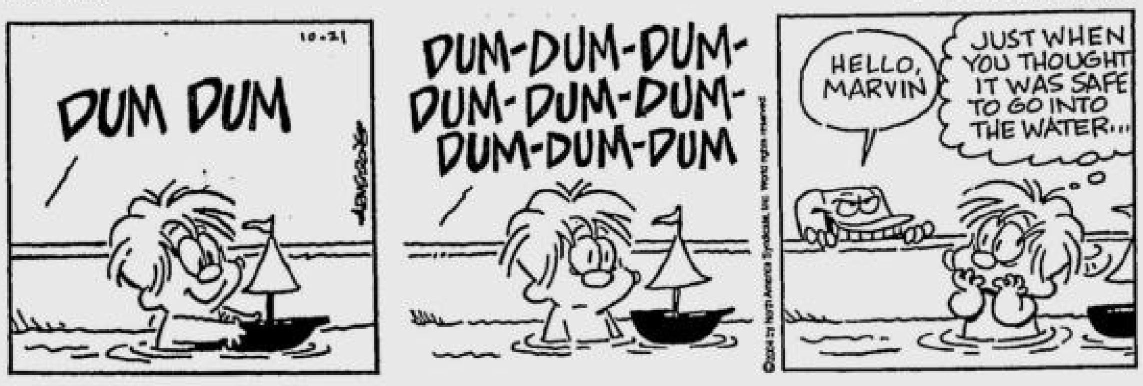
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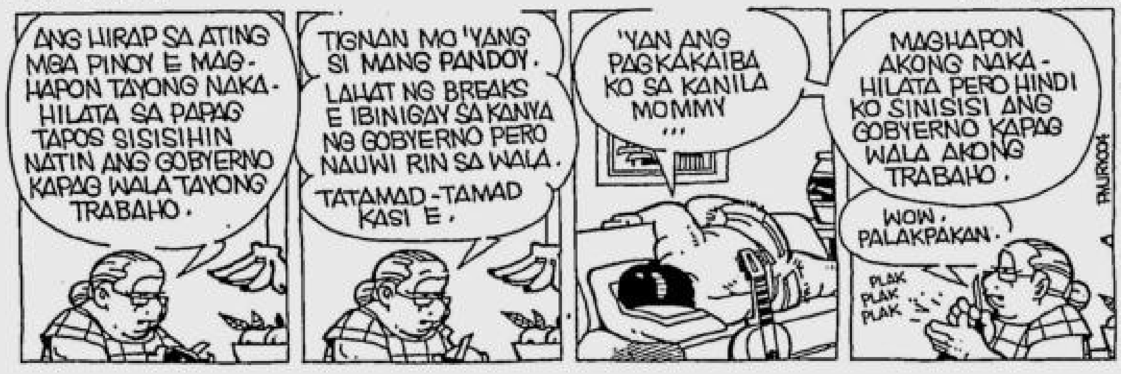
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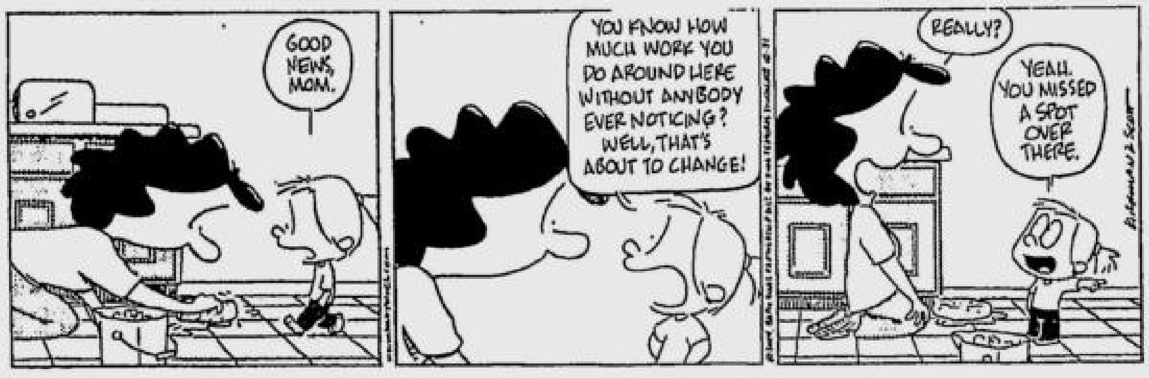
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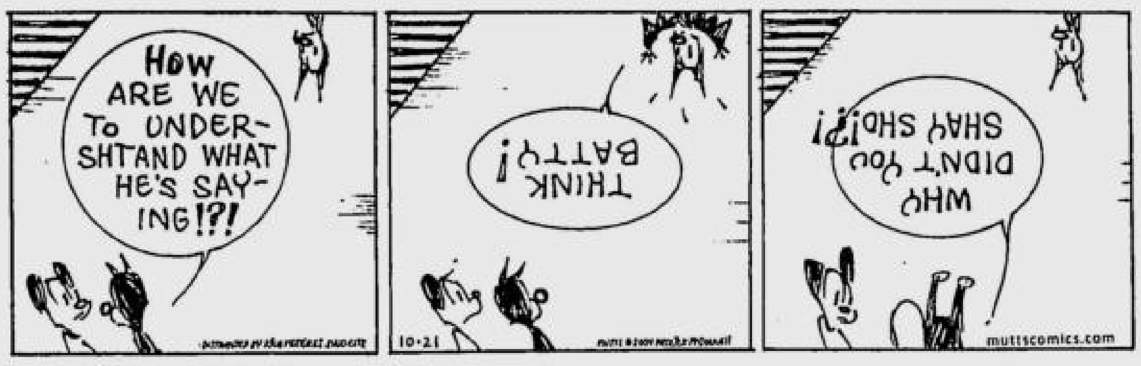
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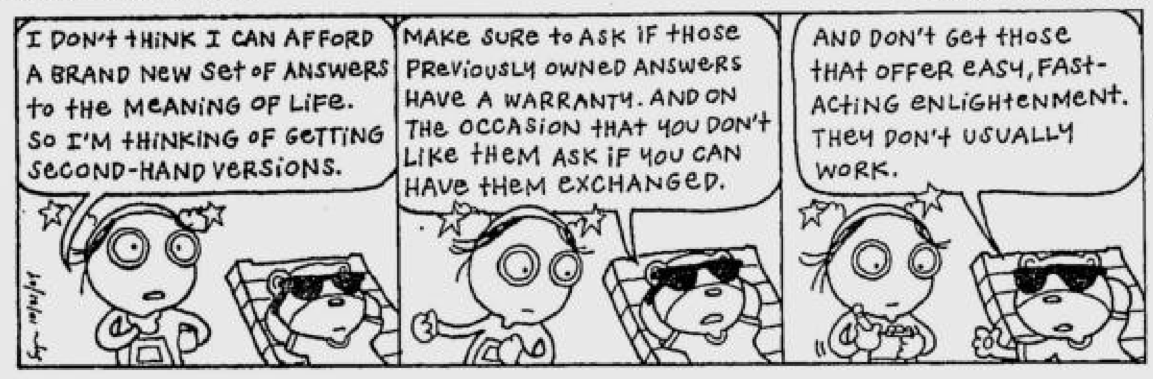
ATOMO AND WEBOY

BY LYRA GARCELLANO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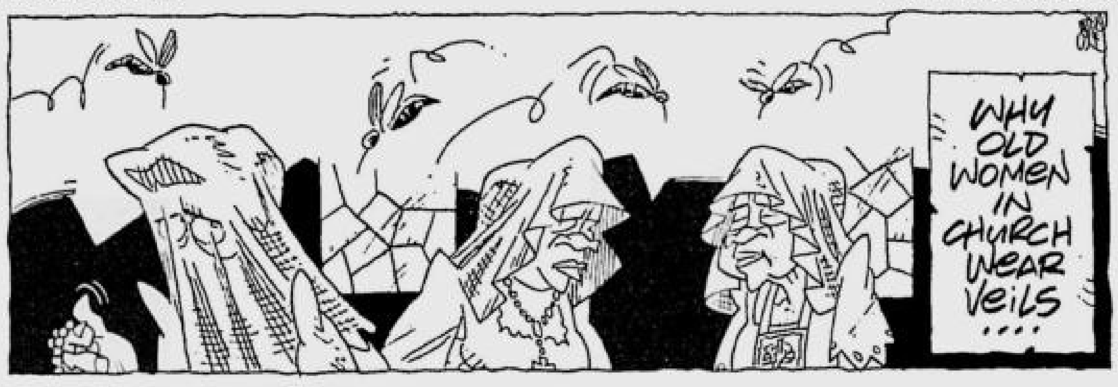
DIVINE COMEDY

BY STEVEN PABALINAS


WHY OLD WOMEN IN CHURCH WEAR VEILS ....

HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

YOU BORN TODAY You have a tremendous imagination. You're an interesting combination of charming and tough. You have strong verbal skills and are very convincing when you want to be. You need harmonious surroundings to be happy. The year ahead is full of exciting, fresh beginnings. Keep an open mind and be bold! **Birthdate of:** Carrie Fisher, actress/writer; Ursula K. Le Guin, fantasy writer; Judy Sheindlin, TV judge.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A female friend might have something very personal to say to you. Be attentive. Contact between you and a friend is much deeper than usual today.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your professional and business concerns are your strong focus today. Be careful, however; your personal life is on public display, for some reason. (Oops.)

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Any kind of study or mental exploration will be very gratifying today. You might meet new people from foreign countries or different backgrounds from yours.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You feel intensely about everything today, especially if you owe somebody something. Similarly, you might be touchy about an area where somebody owes you something.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Conflict with a close friend is emotional today. Because of this, somebody could manipulate your feelings. Resist the urge to react in a knee-jerk fashion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) This is a good day for home crafts, personal hygiene and taking care of little things that help you feel more organized in your personal life. You might also address the needs of pets.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You feel a strong need to be exactly who you are today. It's all about your own freedom and independence to do your own thing. (There's nothing wrong with this.)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You're not to keen to be alone today. You don't want to feel cut off from others. In fact, you're probably holding on to something or someone. (That's OK.)

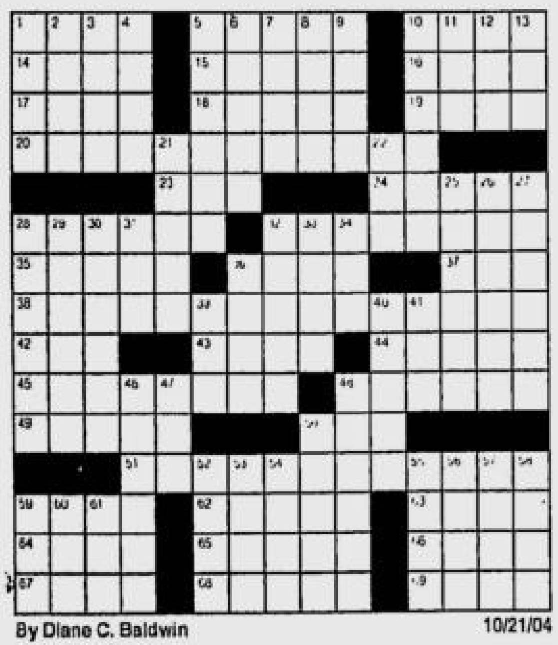
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Your opinions are very personal today! Think about this if you have an argument with anybody. (To truly see something from other people's point of view, you have to walk a mile in their wedges.)

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) When the going gets tough, the tough go shopping. That's how you feel today. Actually, that's a poor idea. It's not wise to shop for emotional reasons.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You have a great need to respond and relate to your friends and loved ones. You need warmth and sympathy today. Let's hope you find it! (Give someone a hug.)

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Relationships with women might be a bit challenging today (regardless of your own sex). You feel you don't understand someone very well. Don't push the river.

DAILY CROSSWORD



By Diane C. Baldwin
Columbia, MD

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5 Bums around
10 Supplies personnel to
14 Right-hand man
15 Flynn of old movies
16 Way out
17 Bridle strap
18 Mother-of-pearl
19 Count (on)
20 Displays one's finest
23 "Annabel Lee" poet
24 Pass along
28 Attention-getting phrase
32 Produce
35 Old programming language
36 NaCl
37 Harper Valley grp.
38 Practices patience
42 Dos Passos trilogy
43 Corduroy ridge
44 Visitor
45 Dial positions
48 Seizes
49 Pussyfoot
50 "Chances __" (Mathis hit)
51 Succeeds in irritating
59 Party branch
62 Principal artery
63 Out of one's mind
64 Cleveland's lake
65 Gem surface
66 Poet Pound
67 Musical group
68 Rubbish
69 Have to have

DOWN
1 Find fault
2 Stead
3 Fix a draft
4 Marshy places
5 Ono's love
6 Spout from the dais
7 Sole's curve
8 Links warning
9 Rosebud, e.g.
10 Amalgamation
11 Paul Bunyan's tool
12 Zero
13 Pen on a farm
21 October birthstones
22 Vein content
25 Backslides
26 Bear witness
27 Leavening agents
28 Hit the slopes
29 Free up
30 Layman at the monastery
31 Deity
32 Highlanders
33 Ultimatum word
34 Utmost degree
36 Glitch
39 Possess
40 Fairy-tale beasts
41 Have regrets
46 Marked
47 DDE
48 Christmas decoration
50 Puts in one's chips
52 Roosevelt's successor
53 Skyrocket
54 Killer whale
55 Secluded valley
56 Seep
57 Farm parcel
58 "The Wind in the Willows" critter
59 Place to surf
60 Lyricist Gershwin
61 Diarist Anaïs

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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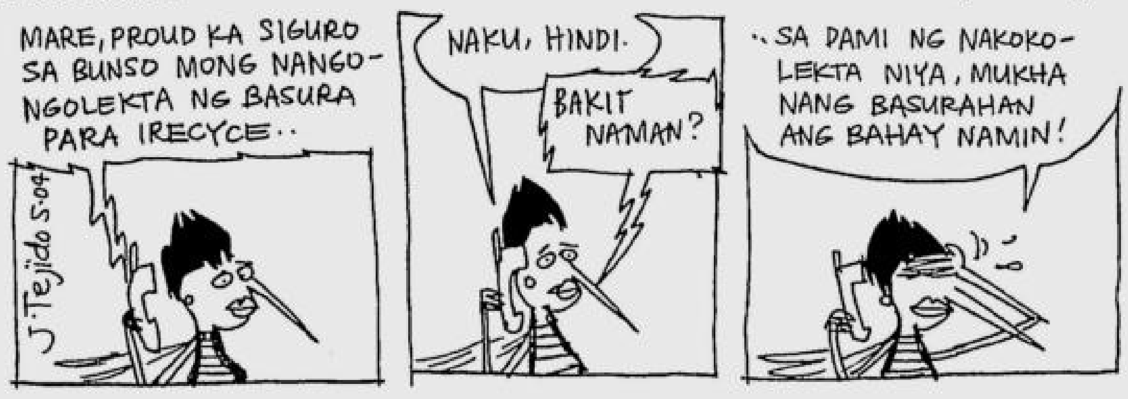
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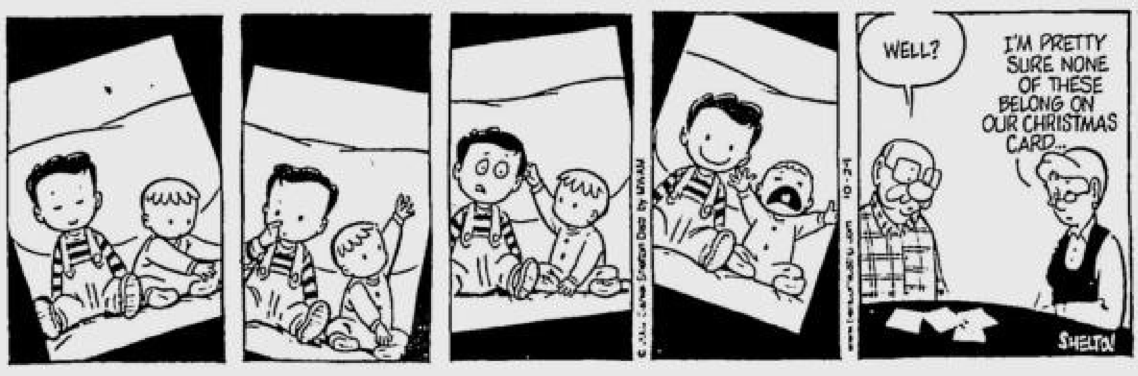
..SA DAMI NG NAKOKOLEKTA NIYA, MUKHA NANG BASURAHAN ANG BAHAY NAMIN!

BEN

BY DANIEL SHELTON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I'M PRETTY SURE NONE OF THESE BELONG ON OUR CHRISTMAS CARD...
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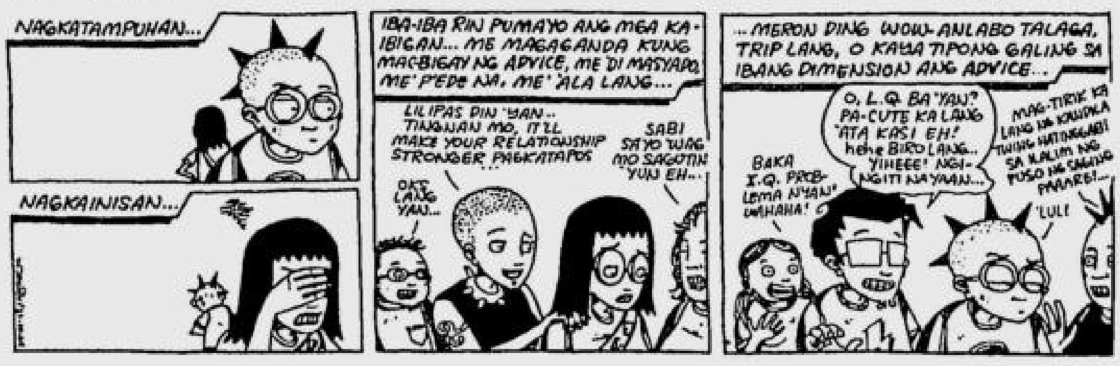
BY MANIX ABRERA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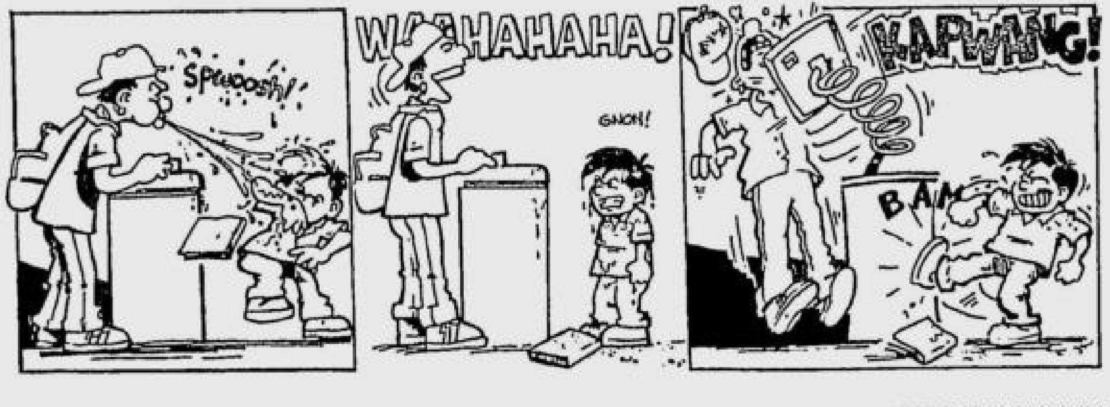
BY AMIEL RUFO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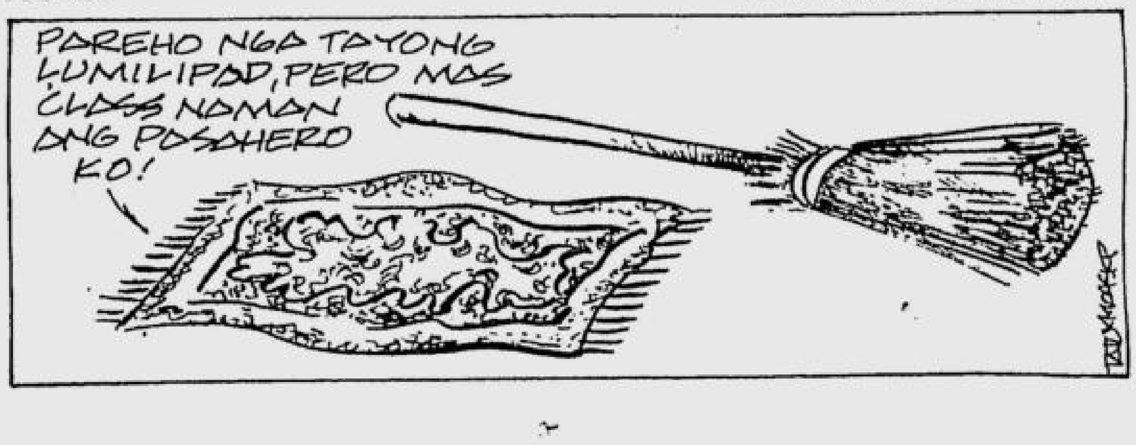
PAREHO NGA TAYONG LUMILIPAD, PERO MAS CLASS NAMAN ANG PASAHERO KO!

Get to know your olive oil

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"teach" Pinoys about olive oil.

He was invited by Fly Ace Corporation, one of the leading importers and distributors of premium extra-virgin olive oils in the country.

"There are oils with strong taste and mild, some are spicy and others have a grassy or nutty taste. No two olive oils are the same," stresses Brambilla, who has cooked for the likes of Giorgio Armani, Luciano Pavarotti and King Juan Carlos of Spain.

Brambilla says the appearance of olive oil does not count, only the taste and smell. Olive-oil tasting is as much an art as wine tasting. It is a major step in understanding its nuances.

Here's how you tell if your olive oil is good or bad:

- Pour about a tablespoon of olive oil into a small glass. Cover the glass with one hand and shake it delicately with the other until the oil adheres to the entire inside surface.
- Lift the glass to your nose and sniff rapidly and deeply three times (raising your nose up and away from the oil between each sniff). Olive oils have aromas just like wine.
- Take a sip of a teaspoonful of oil, but don't swallow. Roll it around the mouth cavity. The oil should touch all areas of the mouth so that the various tastes and sensations can be noted. Suck air in through clenched teeth. Then, spit out the oil.
- After tasting one kind and before trying another, drink lots of water and, if possible, eat a small piece of bread to cleanse your palate. No wine—just water.

Brambilla points out that only a low-quality or bad extra-virgin olive oil would leave an aftertaste. High-quality extra-virgin olive oil will leave your mouth clean with no aftertaste. "It's supposed to have a peppery taste," says the chef.

Cooking with olive oil is also like cooking with wine. Brambilla's advice is never to use wine or olive oil that does not taste good to you. An inferior kind will definitely leave an aftertaste.

What to look for

There are three qualities to look for in your olive oil: fruitiness, bitterness and pungency. Noticeable through smell, fruitiness may be either ripe or green. A fleeting bitterness results from the greenness of the olives. Pungency, the biting sensation in the mouth and later the throat, means the olives were picked early in the season.

Signs of inferior brand are rancidity, "winey" smell, and moldy (musty) and metallic taste. As olive oils become rancid over time because of oxidation, it's important to note the date of extraction or use-by date on the label when buying olive oil.

"Unlike wine, olive oil is best within the year of its extraction," says Brambilla.

ITALIAN Chef Gioachino Brambilla: "Unlike wine, olive oil is best within the year of its extraction."

A "winey" smell develops when the olives are stored in piles that have undergone fermentation, while a metallic taste is acquired if the olives have been in contact with metals during processing.

After his presentation, Brambilla cooked some wonderful Italian food (using extra-virgin olive oil naturally).

Brambilla whipped up Marinated Shrimp Tails, served with olive oil and orange dressing, black olives and garden greens (using Pietro Coricelli Organic Extra Virgin Olive Oil); Seasonal Mushroom and Barley Soup with Olive Oil and Garlic Bread Croutons (Pietro Coricelli Porcini Mushroom Extra Virgin Olive Oil); Linguine in a Basil Pesto Sauce (Pietro Coricelli Extra Light Olive Oil); Sliced Sea Bass Hot Carpaccio in Colored Diced Pimento Sauce with Olive Oil (Pietro Coricelli Garlic and Chili Pepper Flavored Extra Virgin Olive Oil); and Sautéed Breast of Farm Chicken filled with herbs and truffle flavor, served with seasonal vegetables and a balsamico vinegar with olive oil sauce (Pietro Coricelli Extra Virgin Olive Oil and al Tartufo Bianco).

The sweet finale was the Chilled Seasonal Diced Fruits "Minestrone" with Chopped Mint, served with extra virgin olive oil ice cream.

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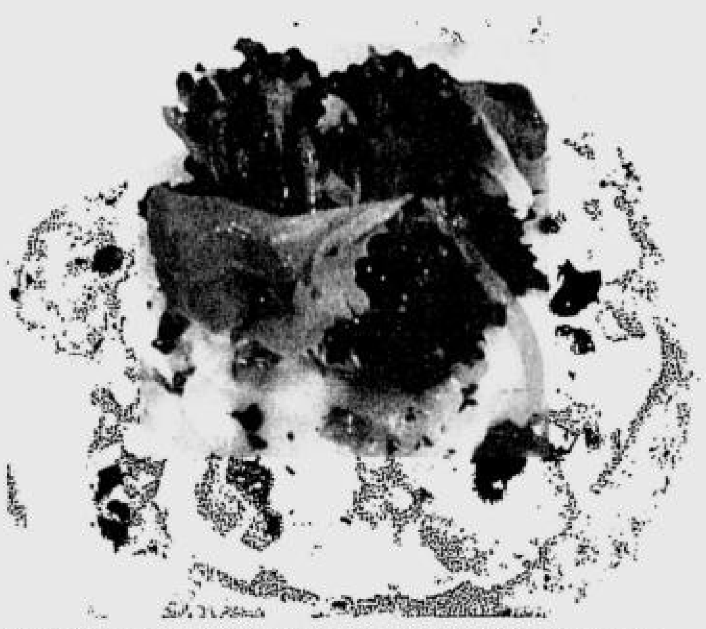
LINGUINE in Basil Pesto Sauce

CHILLED Seasonal Diced Fruits "Minestrone" with Chopped Mint, served with an extra virgin olive oil ice cream


SLICED Sea Bass Hot Carpaccio in a Colored Diced Pimento Sauce with Olive Oil

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400 g boneless sliced sea bass

Sauce:
½ pc sliced onion
2 pc crushed garlic
herbs (thyme, rosemary, bay leaf)
150 cc white wine
200 cc fish or chicken stock
100 cc Pietro Coricelli Garlic and Chili Pepper Flavored Extra Virgin Olive oil
100 g peeled yellow and red pimiento (diced)
capers
2 tbsp chopped parsley and basil
4 pcs eggplant (for medallion)

Sauté the sliced onion and garlic in olive oil, add the herbs, white wine and chicken stock. Let reduce in half. Strain the sauce, adding the diced yellow and red pimento, capers, chopped parsley, and use this sauce on the sliced seabass already cooked directly on a service plate.

Sautéed Breast of Farm Chicken Filled with Herbs and Truffle Flavor, Served with Seasonal Vegetables and a Balsamic Vinegar with Olive Oil Sauce

Filling:
1 tbsp truffle purée
1 tbsp parmesan cheese
1 tbsp chopped herbs
1 tbsp bread crumbs
80 cc fresh cream
4 pc chicken breast (medium size)
100 cc chicken gravy
80 cc balsamic vinegar (inexpensive vinegar is okay)
Pietro Coricelli Al Tartufo Bianco—White Truffle Extra Virgin Olive Oil

Make the filling for the chicken with the parmesan cheese, chopped herbs, bread crumbs, fresh cream and truffle purée combined in a bowl. Add salt and pepper. Cut the breast of chicken and open it like a book shape. Put the filling, roll the meat and wrap with sliced bacon.

Sauté chicken in olive oil and butter with rosemary and crushed garlic. Put it in the oven for 10 minutes and leave it to rest for another 10 minutes in an aluminum foil.

Reduce the balsamic vinegar in a pan with chopped shallot, add chicken gravy and reduce again, strain and keep hot.

Slice the chicken breast set up on a round plate, garnish with vegetables at your liking, pour the vinegar sauce and few drops of truffle oil.

Resto moves to new, bigger location

TUYO Pasta

CAFÉ Mischka has moved to a new and bigger location at 70 Scout Tuazon St., South Triangle, Quezon City.

The new site in Casa San Raphael is just a stone's throw away from Dr. Lazcano Street, where the restaurant was located for three years.

Among Café Mischka's most popular menu items are shiitake mushroom soup, tofu and shrimp salad with red wine vinaigrette, *callos*, chicken *marsala*, *bangus* belly *amandine*, pesto with shrimps pasta, and eggplant parmigiana.

Other favorites are adobo and chorizo rice dishes, aglio olio tuyo pasta, carrot cake, banana Brazileña a la mode, and sugar-free blueberry cheesecake, coffee jelly, and chocolate and banana cakes.

The café has also a wide selection of ice cream flavors and toppings for diners to mix and match.

The restaurant has added an *ihawan*. It also offers a *merienda* buffet.

The café has a function hall that can accommodate up to 150 people.

Café Mischka is owned by Global Chefs Inc.

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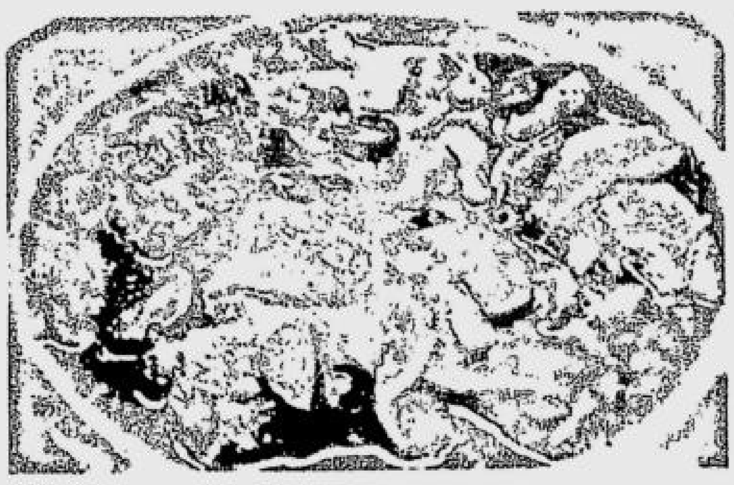
ADOBO rice

TOFU Shrimp Salad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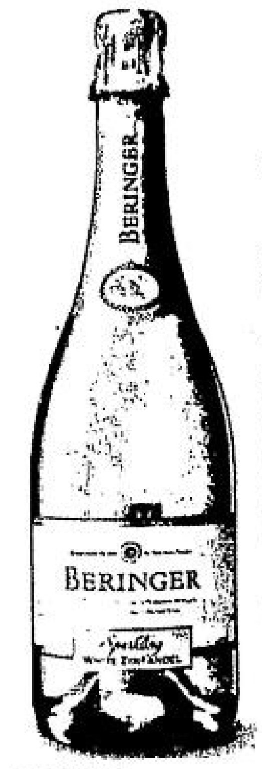
October fetes

KITCHEN RESCUE

Reggie Aspiras



BERINGER Sparkling White Zinfandel

THIS month has been terribly hectic but nonetheless remarkable, the highlights of which I must share with you.

Sept. 30—Tolda Grill chef, food stylist, photographer and caterer Dino Guingona did a cooking demonstration and let my students and me taste the new Tolda Grill recipes. Outside of Chiang Mai, his chicken curry is one of the best I've ever tasted and his *Kilawing Tanigue*, equally delicious.

This chef has three major gifts: the talent to make his food downright honest, no frills, just plain good and hearty; the ability to style and photograph food, something he takes much pride in, turning it into career as well recently (He believes that no matter how simple a dish may be it must look good.); and—the one that makes him so special is the third—not many people will answer your call and say (and actually mean it): "What can I do for you? Anything, name it!"

This time I asked him to share his recipes of *kilawin* and chicken curry for Mina CDO and John Dormido QC. As usual, he gladly obliged—as he does all the time! Tolda Grill is a must-visit on Shaw Blvd. and soon, Bohol Ave. For Dino's Services—0917-5274809.

Kilawing Tanigue

(Don't do this in an aluminum bowl.)

30 g. very fresh *tanigue*, medium dice, washed well and drained

1 tsp Cider vinegar or Mitsukan Japanese vinegar

.5 g ginger

pinch salt & pepper

15 g tomato, sliced

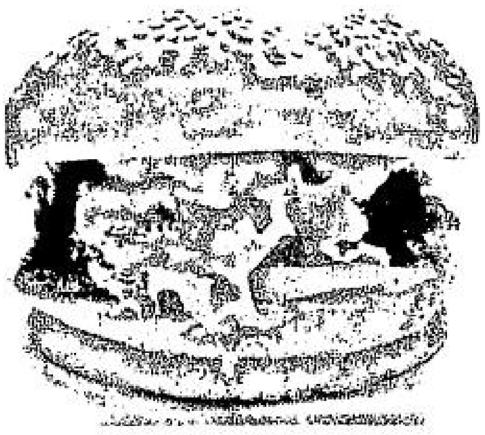
1 pc Siling labuyo

3 pcs Dayap or lime juice

- Mix all ingredients except dayap juice
- Toss fish in vinegar mixture in chilled mixing bowl
- When fish begins to turn opaque, add lime juice
- Season with salt & pepper to taste, garnish with leeks.

KINILAW na Tanigue

Oct. 3—Paco Oreta's birthday. I've forgotten how good Wham Burgers are. Yummy! (Katipunan Rd., Shangri-La and Robinson's Galleria; delivery & catering, 912-WHAM)



WHAM Burger

Oct. 4—USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) meeting with Happy Living (wine importers, 8972026/8956508) and PTC (importers of US beef etc., 2568831). Make your Christmas and New Year merrier with Beringer Sparkling White Zinfandel, a welcome alternative to the traditional bubbly, a glorious change from the by now overly abused Asti and an easy drink, even for non-wine drinkers. And for a hearty holiday season, I suggest you stock up on Angus/US beef, turkey, lamb, etc. Pool several orders to save good money. PTC minimum is P5,000.

After my meeting, I passed by Fruit and Snacks (9115550) along Katipunan/White Plains to get prime cut *bangus* belly. I'm talking about just the belly, a third of an inch thick for that perfect Omega 3 rush. I like mine simple. I season/marinate for 20 minutes in salt, pepper, a lot of garlic, a bit of lemon juice, then deep-fry.

Oct. 5—Nellia Silverio's Birthday, Red Box Greenbelt 3. Pretty good food considering that it's a karaoke establishment. For those searching for a good Christmas Party venue, this isn't a bad deal at all. Rooms are huge, with a billiard table plus an impressive roster of songs to choose from. To my dearest Nellia, a friend that one could only dream about, Happy Birthday!

DINO Guingona

Oct. 6—During the launching of Cooking Lessons, Helene Pontejos of Magnolia gave Beth Romualdez, the author, ice cream. Beth handed it over to Le Souffle's chef Jessie Sinsioco, who used it to prepare cocktails in my Shangri-La kitchen. They left me a gallon of Gold Label Dulce de Leche Ice Cream. Delicious!

I used it in class. I un-molded the ice cream, the whole tub of it. In a saucepan, I melted 3 tbsp of butter, added 1/4 c of brown sugar, 3 bananas sliced diagonally and 1/4 c of cream. I poured this over the Dulce de Leche, topped it with whipped cream, dribbled it with chocolate and butterscotch syrup, and sprinkled it with walnuts. Jun Eliseo, this is an idea for your abundant supply of bananas.

Oct. 7—Chefs on Parade. Caught up with some old friends.

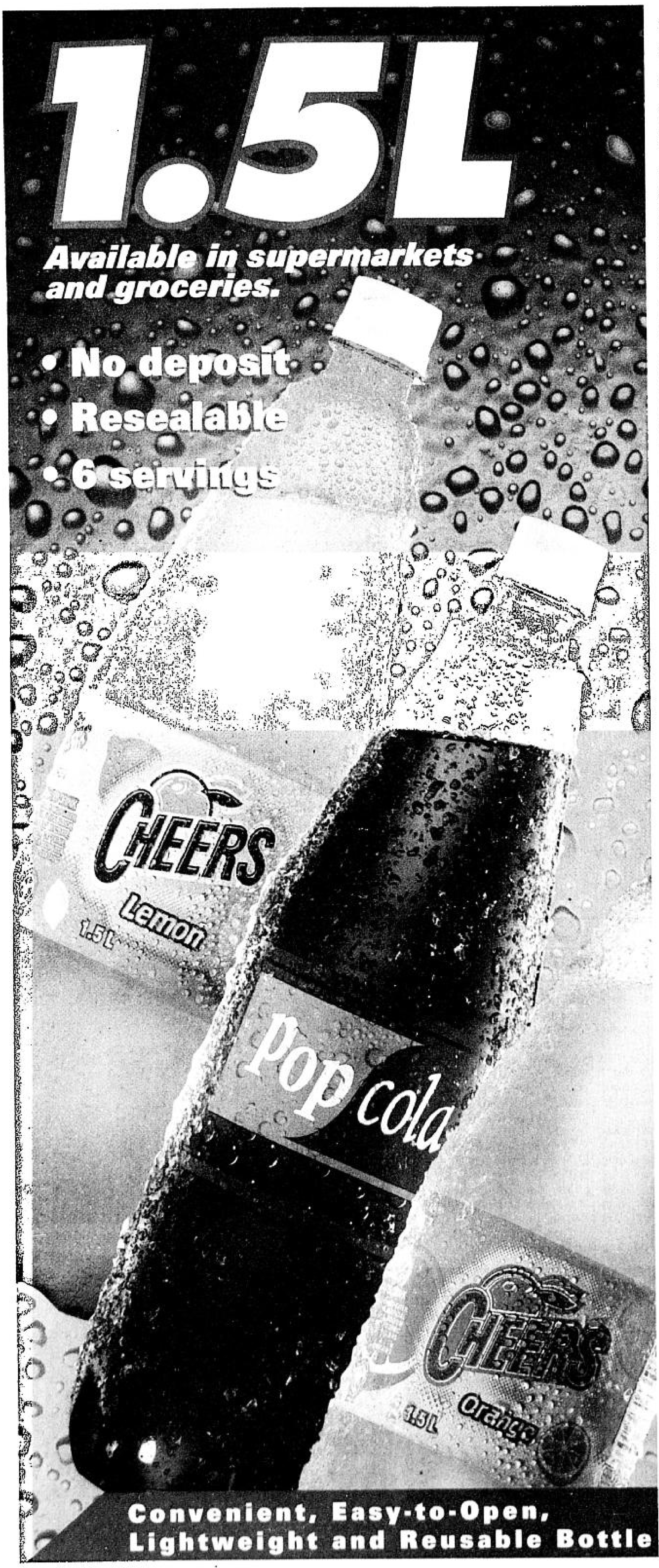
- Chef Jessie Sinsioco and I talked about the South Beach Diet craze. The nice thing about Le Souffle's program is that you can call them and start your SBD rations from whatever phase or day of the diet you're in!
- Chef Ed Quimson, a friend from way back in Madrid, and I discussed what he describes as "Cosmopolitan Cuisine" that gives him the liberty to serve a menagerie of sorts at Chef Ed's from *Kare-kare* to Iberian Chicken.
- And I ordered new jackets from the man behind Chefs Gear who makes beautiful and out of the ordinary chef jackets. Charlotte, this is the guy to call for your chef jacket/restaurant uniform requirements. Thanks chef Humphrey Armani, oops, Navarro *pala*, for making us all look so good on the job! If you aren't a chef, I guess you can buy a couple *pang porma*! Chef's Gear—5334152.

HUMPHREY Navarro

Next week, Part 2 of my October Highlights featuring chef Dino's Chicken Curry recipe, my Divisoria expedition, Mama Rosa, Hopia Combo, Terry's Deli at The Podium, plus recipes for classic pasta sauces as requested by Joey Pacheco.

I'm finally conducting my Diet Cooking Class on Nov. 5.

For comments or suggestions, text 0917-8399888.



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Cooking lessons

MAYA Kitchen and the chef-owners of Bakit Rama and Rasa Singapura Restaurants, Elizabeth and Edward Tan, offer "Singaporean Cooking" on Oct. 23, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Learn how to prepare Hainanese Chicken, Crispy Squid, Stewed Pork in Brown Sauce, Mixed Vegetables, Tokwa Goreng (Fried Tokwa with Peanut Chili Sauce) and Char Kway Teow (Noodle with Sweet Black Sauce).

Then, learn how to prepare Pork Siomai, Shrimp Siomai (Hakaw), Chicken Feet, Chicken Wings and Pork Spareribs with "Chinese Dimsum," Oct. 23, 1:30-5 p.m.

Make Holiday Cookies, Boat Tarts, Fruitcake Bars, Assorted Brownies and Food for the Gods in "Cookies and More," Oct. 30, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

"Cake Decorating (Basic)" will also be held Oct. 23 and 30, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., tackling the fundamentals of cake decorating: coloring, designing, template, icing (boiled, butter, caramel, chocolate and sugar icing); basic borders, jelly lettering, basic flower making and bunching.

On Oct. 26-29, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., "Cooking II" will cover Review of Basic Culinary Principles; Meals Management; Knowledge of Herbs, Spices and Condiments; Basic Maintenance and Preservation of Food (Proper Receiving, Storage and Preparation); Menu Planning, Kitchen Accounting and Recipe Formulation; Actual Workshop on International Cuisine: ethnic cooking hors d'oeuvre, salads, cooked/cured/prepared foods and quick desserts; and Market Basket Activity.

At 2-5:30 p.m., "Baking II" offers a session on baking ingredients and their functions, baker's percentage/math, commercial methods used in preparing breads, pies, cakes, pastries and bakery products including costing, production batching with actual hands-on and other topics applicable to bakery operations.

Visit the Maya Kitchen (Tuesdays to Saturdays) at 8th floor, Liberty Building, A. Arnaiz Avenue, (formerly Pasay Road), Makati City or call 8921185, 8925011 local 108. E-mail mkitchen@ultimate.info.com.ph

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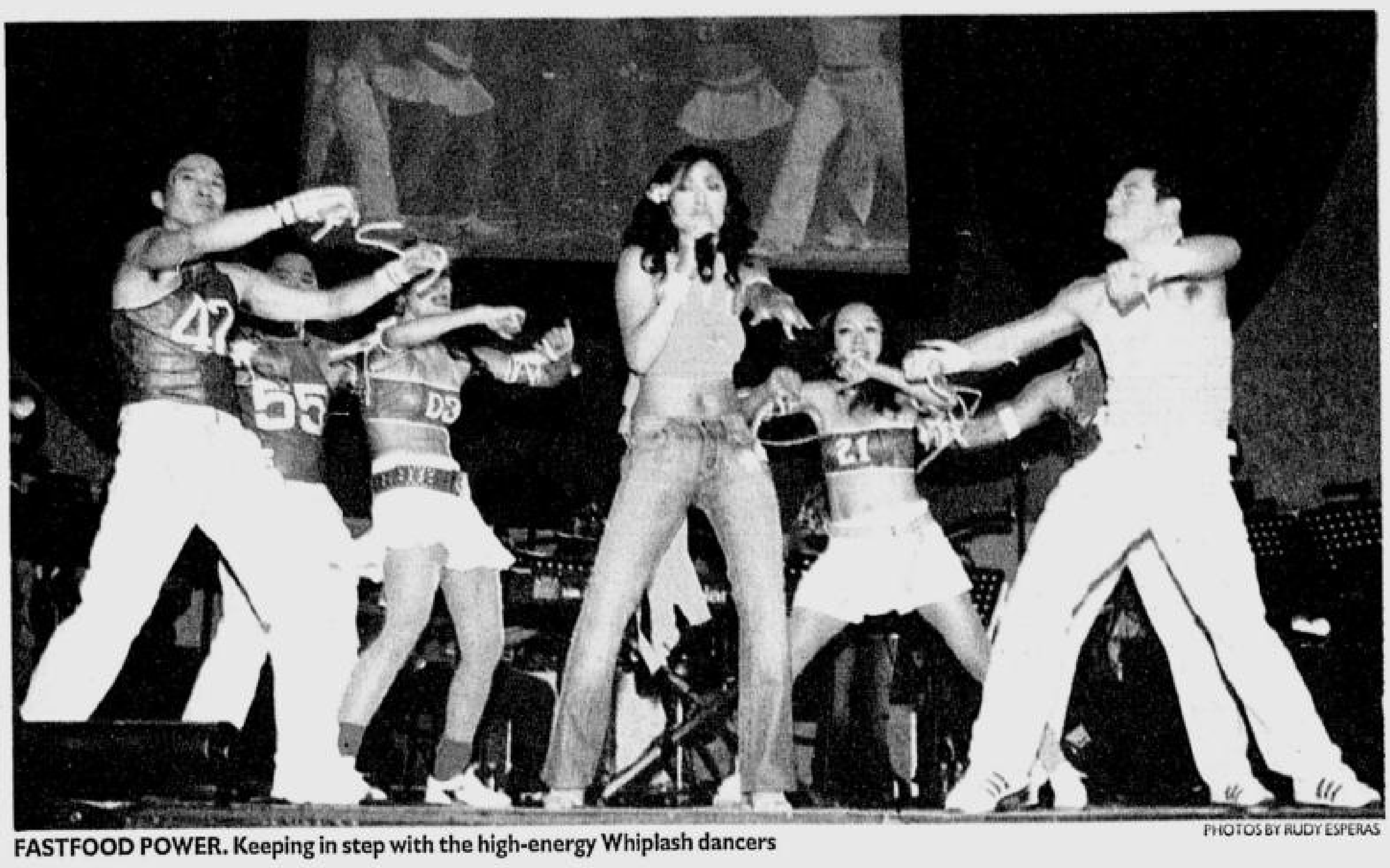

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FASTFOOD POWER. Keeping in step with the high-energy Whiplash dancers

'My dream come true'

Fans burn with 'Jasmine Fever' at the Big Dome, and she loves them back

By Jocelyn R. Uy

FIL-AMERICAN Jasmine Trias was finally living a childhood dream, right in the heart of her parents' native land.

After making it to the top 3 of "American Idol," the 17-year-old is in new commercials endorsing a fast-food chain, a clothing line and a telecommunications firm. Her face is on huge billboards and posters all over town.

And last Saturday night, she was the star of a two-hour show at the Araneta Coliseum, where the crowd screamed her name as she sang.

"This moment right now," Jasmine told the Big Dome audience before launching into "Love Ko 'To," the McDonald's theme song, "here I am in front of all of you with this big dream of mine. I am so grateful for all your support! This is for all of you, for all of my fans, *ang mga pinaka*-love *ko sa mundo*."

She was paraphrasing the local Golden Arch's jingle, but she somehow made it seem like she was saying it to her Filipino fans for the first time, and that it came from the heart.

The audience, in response, waved glow sticks in the air and sang along with her.

Jasmine repeatedly thanked her Filipino fans. "You guys have supported me so much," she said in between songs. "Thank you! You have made my dream come true. *Mahal ko kayong lahat* (I love you all)!"

Public demand

The diminutive teener finished third in the latest season of "American Idol" (AI), the wildly popular singing competition in the United States, with the help of votes from Filipinos all over the US. Two weeks ago, she completed the 50-city AI tour which ended in Singapore, and then she flew to the Philippines for a series of commercial deals with McDonald's, Her Bench and Smart IDD, as well as TV appearances and her Araneta Coliseum concert.

The two-hour show, directed by Audie Gemora with Gerard Salonga as the musical director, was opened at 8:30 p.m. by MTV VJ KC Montero.

The producers, Starmedia Entertainment, had initially announced that the Araneta concert was "strictly invitational." But due to "public demand," they said, they decided to sell "limited tickets" to Jasmine fans. The tickets went for P2,110, P1,266, P844, P528 and P317.

A Ticketnet staffer told the INQUIRER that Patron A and B, Lower Box and Upper Box A tickets were sold out.

It was easy to spot the Jasmine diehard fans in the audience. They either wore "American Idol" shirts with Jasmine's autograph on it, or flowers in their hair. They also made "Jasmania" merchants happy by snapping up handmade posters that said "Jasmine Fever" in bright colors.

SPECTATORS say co-stars Jay-R, Erick Santos and Christian Bautista gave the Fil-Am idol excellent support

Their share of fans

The homegrown idols had their share of fans in the huge crowd. One group in a far corner of the coliseum spelled Erick Santos' name in big, colored cardboard letters while others waved banners also bearing the singer's name.

Erick sang three Martin Nievera hits: "Say That You Love Me," "Be My Lady" and "You

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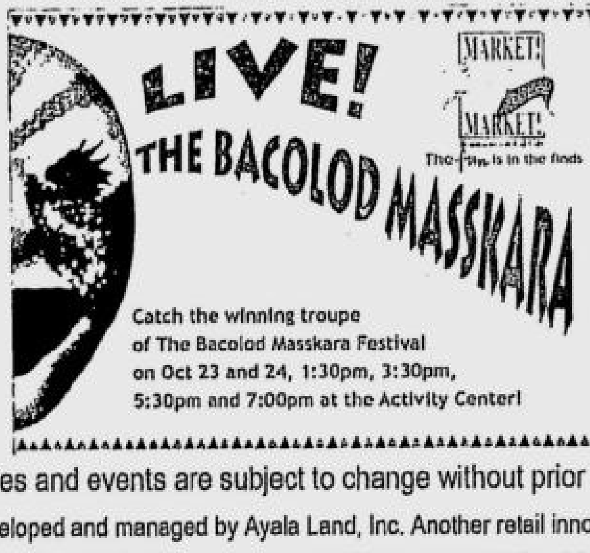

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... and the audience went wild when she sang 'Inseparable'

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Are My Song."

Someone in the audience shouted an advanced greeting to Christian Bautista, who celebrated his birthday last Oct. 19.

Jay-R sang R&B songs, including "Bakit Pa Ba," which obviously thrilled the audience.

Christian Bautista sang "The Way You Look at Me," "Hands to Heaven" and Josh Groban's "You're Still You."

Jasmine had five costume changes and sang 15 songs, starting off with Pink's "Get the Party Started," and Beyonce's "Crazy in Love." Wearing a blue haltered midriff, denim pants and white heels, she showed off her dancing skills.

She then changed into a blue velvet spaghetti-strapped top and sang "Love Ko 'To," following her "this big dream of mine" spiel.

She did Alicia Keys' "Heartburn" and "If I Ain't Got You," the latter while also playing the keyboards. Jay-R later joined her.

A self-confessed Alicia Keys fan, Jasmine had watched the concert of the five-time Grammy award winner last Oct. 9, also at the Araneta Coliseum.

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'Otso Otso'

Although she admitted that her Filipino was still rusty, Jasmine showed the audience that she could do "Otso Otso." With Jay-R, Erick and Christian, she sang OPM, such as "Noypi" by Bamboo, "Hanggang Ngayon," "Pangarap Ko'y Ibigin Ka," and "Magpakainlan Pa Man."

She also sang "Mula Sa Puso," and, supposedly the last number, "Kailangan Ko'y Ikaw." She sings the latter in her Smart IDD commercial.

When the audience clamored for an encore, Jasmine reappeared on stage, this time dressed in a white gown, and sang Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You."

"I can't go without singing this song," Jasmine told the audience and started to sing another number. Hearing the opening strains, the audience went wild, for the song was "Inseparable," the Natalie Cole hit that viewers associate with Jasmine Trias on "American Idol."

And then it was time to thank the audience again. Jasmine had a lot to be thankful for. She was, after all, "home" and living her big dream.

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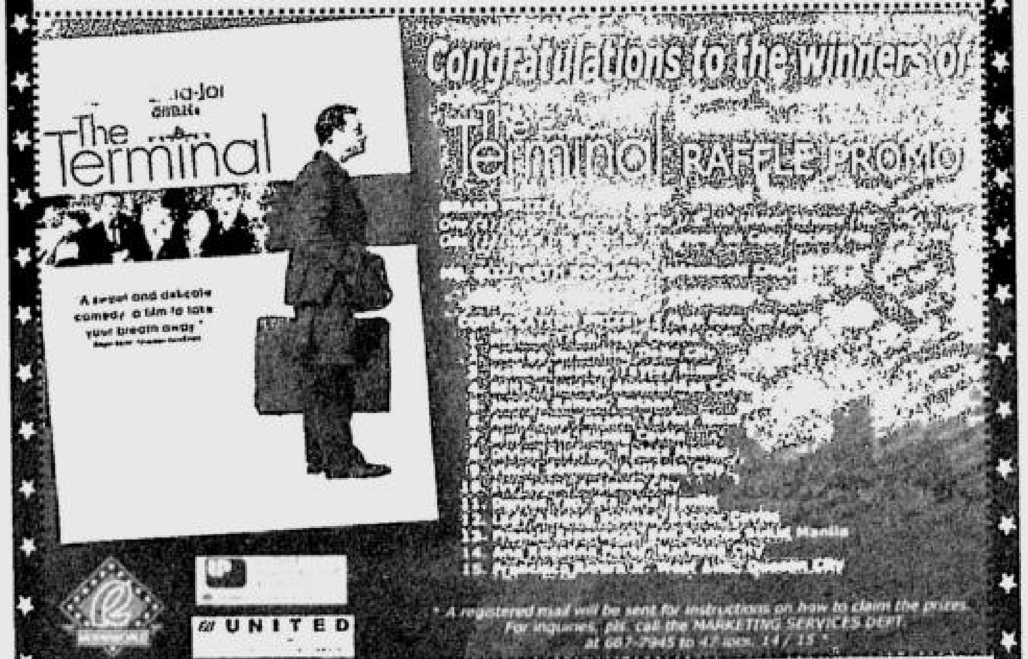
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Baguio courts film industry

BAGUIO CITY—The city government has accepted hosting chores to kick off a nationalized Metro Manila Film Festival, with the aim of raising funds for a campaign to preserve historic sites.

City administrator Benedicto Alhambra said the annual "Parade of Stars" will be held here on Dec. 15.

Through this, Alhambra said, filmmakers can revisit the Summer Capital's tourist destinations, and probably decide to shoot future projects in any of them. This could earn for the sites enough money for their own upkeep, the official Alhambra said.

Mayor Braulio Yaranon has formed a heritage committee to identify facilities and districts that require restoration.

Given enough incentives for filming in Baguio, Alhambra said, producers may pour in enough revenues to clean up, restore and maybe even upgrade these places.

The city used to be a favorite movie location, he recalled. The residents generally ignored celebrities, and so shooting was never hampered by kibitzers.

"But we must make Baguio palatable again to the film industry," Alhambra said. *Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

CHARLIZE Theron with Tucker AFP

But would you wear your dog?

LOS ANGELES—Oscar-winning South African star Charlize Theron is making fur fly in Hollywood by joining a campaign against the use of animal pelts in fashion.

The 29-year-old star, who picked up the best actress Oscar earlier this year for her role as a serial killer in "Monster," will soon star in a billboard advertisement slamming the animal cruelty caused by the fur industry.

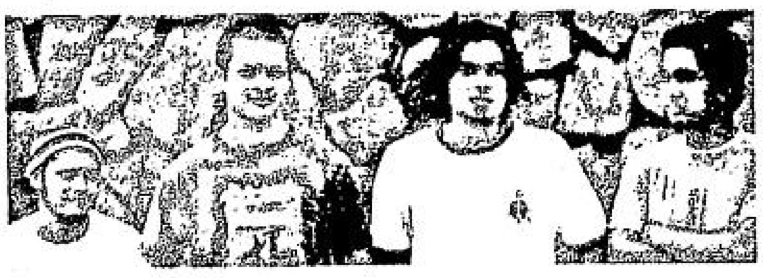
"If You Wouldn't Wear Your Dog, Please Don't Wear Any Fur," reads the billboard that is plastered over a huge photograph of the blond beauty hugging her pet pooch, Tucker.

Theron has joined a long-running campaign against furs waged by animal rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (Peta), which picked Theron in a drive to persuade other celebrities that fur is best left on its original owners.

"It doesn't make sense to me to let animals suffer for fashion," Theron said, crediting her love for animals to her upbringing on a South African farm.

Peta releases an annual list of the best and worst dressed celebrities based on whether or not they wear furs.

This year, pop diva Diana Ross and embattled domestic guru Martha Stewart were at the top of Peta's list of shame, Ross for having "stooped to taking free furs in exchange for modeling" for celebrity designer Dennis Basso, and Stewart for wearing a chinchilla fur scarf in public. *AFP*



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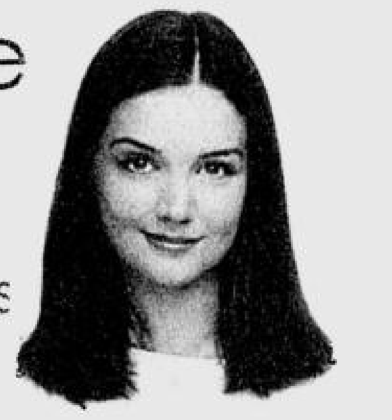

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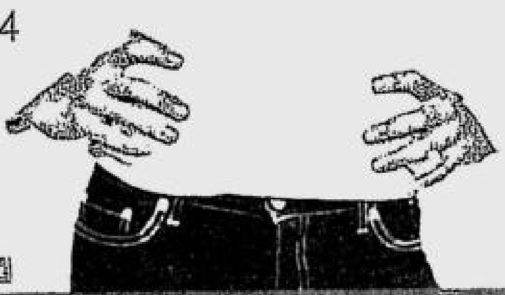

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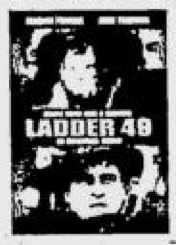

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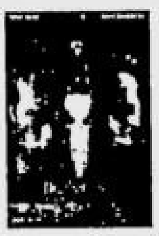

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SARAH Geronimo and Mark Bautista, two of the hottest young talents in the country today, are back from a successful concert tour of the United States.

Jollibee welcomed the duo back during the 10th anniversary celebration of the Sunday variety show ASAP on ABS-CBN. Sarah and Mark are the current endorsers of Jollibee Yumburger.

"Performing in the US was something I had always dreamed of," said Sarah.

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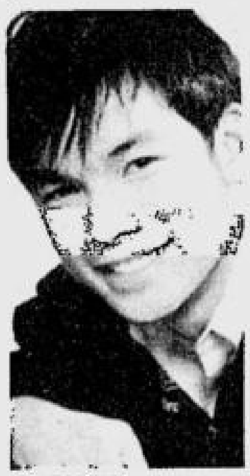
"They got up and danced," Mark said. "It was a wonderful feeling, knowing they were having a good time."



MARK: 'They got up and danced.'

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